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Miami Beach Shul Picketed In Butcher vs. Chain Store Fight

By DAVE GOODWIN
National Jewish Post Correspondent

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (NJP)—A rabbi was picketed by wives and children of kosher butchers in the latest incident of Greater Miami's chaotic kashrut situation.

While Rabbi Joseph E. Rackovsky (Orthodox) was conducting Saturday morning services at Beth Tfilah Congregation, placard-carrying wives and children of Dade County Kosher Butchers Guild members marched before the synagogue.

Guild officials said that they had timed the demonstration against the rabbi—not against the synagogue—to coincide with Saturday services in order to protest the rabbi's endorsement of a second kosher butcher shop operated by Ford Fair, a grocery supermarket chain.

Rabbi Rackovsky is the director of one of Miami's four Vaadim, or supervisory bodies designed to inspect and endorse kosher places of business.

HERMAN DALE, Guild vice-president, declared bitterly that the rabbi is "taking bread and butter from the mouths of the poor" by approving the chain store's kosher operations. He also questioned the kashrut of meats sold in the chain's kosher shops, since non-kosher foods are sold in the same store.

Replying to Dale's charges, Rabbi Rackovsky asserted that "my duties are to see what is kosher and what is not kosher. I am only a rabbi who quotes law and not an economist."

The rabbi pointed out that Food Fair operates the kosher shops as businesses entirely unconnected with the main store, each shop having a separate street entrance and separate management.

Dale referred to this "building a different door" as a "subterfuge."

RABBI RACKOVSKY added that "as a kosher butcher he (Dale) has no right to ride on Shabbos and carry banners in front of the shul."

Samuel Friedland, Food Fair's board chairman, told The Post that the kosher shops were added to the chain's operations in answer to public demand. "We are not looking to go in and take kosher business away from anybody. There is enough business for everybody. Other (independent) shops opened and they (Guild members) never objected. People feel that when they buy kosher meat here they get kosher."

Friedland pointed out that because his concern is making kosher meats available at lower prices, more young people than ever before are buying kosher.

Guild president Jack Pomerantz declared, however, that the independent butchers have their backs to the wall in trying to meet Food Fair competition.

"FOOD FAIR CAN afford to lose money on the kosher shops," he said. "It's nothing to them. They can make it up on other items they sell. We have only two items—meat and fowl. If we don't make our profit on them, we're finished."

"I am no match for a chain," he added. "They can destroy me any time they see fit. How can you betray your own people?"

Both Pomerantz and Dale alleged that Rabbi Rackovsky's was the only one of Miami's four Vaadim which would endorse Food Fair's shops. Asked why, Pomerantz replied: "That's obvious. He gets paid for the job. For example, he gets five cents per chicken. Figure it out for yourself. If they handle 1000 chickens, that's $50."

RABBI RACKOVSKY branded this charge as untrue, saying that several other rabbis would have endorsed the chain's kosher operations.

Further, The Post was informed, it is the Vaad—not the rabbi—which collects the fees for certifying fowl.

Meanwhile, one of the three rabbis connected with Miami's youngest Vaad, the Central Miami Kashruth Commission, reported that he knew nothing about Food Fair's kashrut. "We have not been approached about giving supervision to the Food Fair," said Rabbi Shmaryahu Swirsky, who handles his Vaad's inspections along with Rabbis Simon April and Arie Becker.

"But you can print this in big letters," said Rabbi Swirsky. "We are probably the only rabbis in the United States who give our kashrut services free of charge. Only the mashgichim receive a nominal sum."

Max Gettinger, assistant director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, viewed the Guild's protest against Rabbi Rackovsky as being "a little bit on the silly side." Gettinger has been a leader in Federation's attempt to bring about a single unified Vaad in the area.

Son's Flag Flies At Half Mast For Her

LOS ANGELES (NJP)—The cherished flag which had draped her soldier hero son's coffin, which Mrs. Anna Crissman, 68, had presented at elaborate ceremonies to the Jewish Home for the Aged on Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, flew at half mast this week.

For Mrs. Crissman was dead.

Her son had died when Japan bombed the U. S. island outpost.

Mildest Possible Censure Seen

UNITED NATIONS (NJP)—It was a foregone conclusion that the Security Committee at its session yesterday (Thursday) would pass the censure of Israel for the Lake Galilee raid on Syria. The recommendation for compensation for civilian Arabs killed in the engagement was expected to be dropped, however, and the resolution is considered the mildest that could have come out of the present deliberations.

NIXON SURE WEST WANTS MID-EAST PEACE

By MILTON SHAPIRO
National Jewish Post Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (NJP)—Vice-President Richard M. Nixon told this National Jewish Post writer that "I am personally more optimistic about reducing tensions in the Near East."

Authorizing direct quotation, Mr. Nixon, who was here to present the Ten Outstanding Young Men of America awards, said:

"Please convey to the American Jewish community that I sincerely believe that all the great powers of the free world are honestly-concerned about the potential powder keg in the Middle East. Everything is being done to secure a peaceful solution. We are all working towards that end."

NIXON

No one knows the best manner in which to deal with the Communists, Nixon admitted, and while we welcome criticism of our foreign policy, we have further learned that countries do not avoid war by conceding territory.

The right way to deal with Russia, Nixon observed, is the way this government did in the Quemoy and Matsu incidents. The opposition must understand there is always the risk of retaliation.

Move To Bar Sobeloff From Federal Bench

WASHINGTON, D. C (NJP)—The expected move to prevent the appointment of Solicitor General Simon E. Sobeloff to the federal circuit bench was made this week when Sen. Olin N. Johnson of South Carolina urged a special senate investigation of his fitness. Sen. Johnson and others last year delayed confirmation of Mr. Sobeloff to the judicial post.

ARMS AND TREATY SOUGHT, MEET HITS HATE WORK IN U.S.

WASHINGTON (NJP)—An outpouring of American Jewish leaders such as hasn't been seen in recent years, meeting here in a rare national conference, passed resolutions calling on the United States to:

- Supply arms to Israel to redress the imbalance in the Middle East.
- Make a mutual security pact with Israel.
- Take action against Arab diplomats who abuse U. S. hospitality by consorting with hatemongers and inciting Americans against Americans.
- Call on the Arab nations to lift their economic and visa boycott against Americans who are Jewish.

NAHUM GOLDMAN
Graceless Minority

The two-day conference was climaxed with a reception and banquet Wednesday night for Congressmen, with about 10 senators and 70 members of the House having accepted invitations to attend.

The American Council for Judaism's letter of protest to Dulles, which sought to prove the conference was not representative of U. S. Jewry, brought a biting reply from Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency. Clarence Coleman, president of the Council, had written that the Agency represented a foreign nation, and was so registered.

Goldman, called the Council for Judaism a "graceless minority" and expressed the hope that those who attack us would step forward and show that they are a "handful speaking their private minds on matters of consequence—I should say—destiny for millions."

As for the conference, he said, with biting irony, that it never pretended to speak for all American Jews, only for several millions.

Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath speaking for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, of which he is president, told the Tuesday night session that his organization had been duly authorized to participate in the conference. Eisendrath said the authorization had been given at the last biennial assembly of the Union in February, 1955.

Coleman's letters had differentiated between the 16 sponsors of the conference here, 10 of which he listed as Zionist bodies, as against the six others including the Union, the Jewish War Veterans, the B'nai B'rith, the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and the United Synagogue of America. Coleman challenged the right of these organizations to speak on issues concerning U. S. policy in the Middle East. The letter, dated, Jan. 5, has been sent also to all Congressmen.

Earlier this week Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen said that Egypt had received from the Communist bloc 200 jet fighters, a number of submarines and large quantities of other arms.

Miller Denies Story In Post

NEW YORK (NJP) — Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, joint political arm of U. S. Zionist bodies, this week denied vehemently the statements attributed to him in the lead story in last week's National Jewish Post.

"I never mentioned the president in my report, and I never made (to the national executive committee meeting of the Zionist Organization of America) any comparisons between Byroade and Allen and I never reported that George and Rayburn will not attend the conference."

RABBI MILLER expressed his amazement that "a story carrying such implications in so crucial a time would be printed by you without the elementary precaution of checking it with me."

Post reporters, who sought to reach Rabbi Miller following his complaint, found him already in Washington where the conference on the Mideast was held Tuesday and Wednesday. They stood however by their entire story, and went back to their original sources to recheck it.

THE JEWISH Chronicle of London carried much the same version of Rabbi Miller's report as did The Post. In a page one story, it quoted Rabbi Miller as saying that "word has come down from the President to leading Senators not to attend the Conference . . .".

The same story also said Rabbi Miller described his interview with George Allen as "the most disheartening we have had with an American public official for a long time."

First Prayer Book To Be Issued In Russia

MOSCOW (NJP)—A siddur, Jewish prayer book, the first to be issued in Russia since the Bolshevik revolution, will be published here next month.

Blind Arab Student Wins Magnes Award

JERUSALEM (NJP)—Fareed Haj, a 20-year-old blind student now in his second year in the faculty of humanities at Hebrew university, has been awarded the first Judah L. Magnes scholarship for an Arab student.

The scholarship, valued at for the current academic year.

Haj is a native of Haifa. He is a familiar figure at the university, with his seeing-eye dog. He received special permission to finish the B. A. course in two years instead of the usual three.

His majors are English and philosophy and he intends to become a teacher at the School for the Blind.

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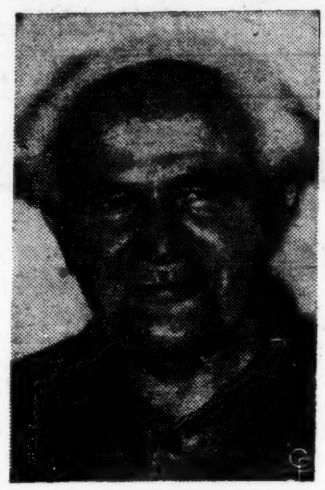
Magazine Shows Picture of Old Jerusalem

Did Time Pull a Boner On Ben-Gurion Cover?

NEW YORK (NJP)—Did Time Magazine pull a boner when its cover story on Ben-Gurion showed the Israel Prime Minister's head against a background of Jerusalem, not the Jerusalem in Israel, but the part that is in Jordan?

The brown-eyed premier, who on the cover had the color of his eyes changed to blue, is no stranger to Time's cover, having appeared there once before in 1948.

Time's Jerusalem correspondent cabled 30,00 words in preparation for the article.



BEN-GURION
Eyes of Blue

The Jerusalem Post criticized the article for what it termed an important omission. The paper said:

"It fails to note the fact that tho United Nations in its Nov. 29, 1947 resolution recommended the creation of the state. It writes: 'Eight years ago this tiny state . . . had elbowed itself into being in a hostile part of the world . . . Israel came into existence defiantly in 1948—by force of arms and by proclaiming its own independence'."

However, The Post felt that the Time article presents a positive survey (for Time) of Israel's achievements, which it describes as "tremendous" in the fields of development, immigration and economy.

ARABS WON'T DARE ATTACK, SAYS RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

LONDON—Randolph Churchill, son of former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, said last week at an Anglo-Jewish Association luncheon that there was "nothing to worry about" in the Israeli-Arab situation.

He added: "If there were I would be out there to take a look and have a bash myself, for I have no doubts whatever which side I am on."

Churchill visited Israel recently. He said that although he had been a supporter of the Zionist ideal and experiment, he was not prepared for what he saw for himself. It was hard to believe so much could be done and so much achieved by so small a population, he said.

HE WENT ON to criticize the British press for what he called "silly" reports about alarmist tendencies in Israel and plans for preventive war.

According to a report in The Jewish Chronicle of London, Churchill stated that he was "not a very enthusiastic or vociferous supporter of Her Majesty's present administration and particularly of its policy in the Eastern Mediterranean," but he denounced "the silly fuss" made by the press and the opposition about deliveries of surplus British tanks to Egypt.

He said that the arms Britain sent were obsolete ones, and that Israel had received some of them as well.

WHAT WAS MUCH MORE serious was the regular supply of modern equipment, particularly airplanes, for the Arab states.

Churchill declared that he did not believe the Arabs would dare to attack Israel. The United States and Britain would never allow the Arabs to "push the Jews of Israel into the sea."

But, he added that Jews must, at the same time, understand the difficulties which faced the Western powers with regard to their relations with the Arabs; this was where "oil rears its ugly head."

British Foreign Office OKs Nuri Statement

LONDON—The British foreign office has allegedly given approval to the statement last week by Nuri es Said, ailing premier of Iraq, that his country would use the new arms it received under the Baghdad Pact against Israel or against the Soviet Union in defense of aggression.

A correspondent for The Jewish Chronicle of London said that, although the foreign office later stressed the "defense against aggression" aspect of Nuri's speech, the effect of the support given to it "is obviously to make Israel appear and feel morally isolated."

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Israel Health Exhibition, Kupat Holim. Auspices of the National Committee for Labor Israel, 214 W. 57th st.

Saturday, Jan. 21. Testimonial Dinner, honoring Senator Herbert H. Lehman. United Jewish Appeal. Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Tuesday, Jan. 24. Luncheon given by the Women's League for Israel. Helen Gahagan Douglas, principal speaker. Hotel Sheraton Astor.

Tuesday, Jan. 31. Dinner, honoring Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, president of The Fund for the Republic, for his defense of civil liberties. Business and Professional Associates of the American Jewish Congress. Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

February 6th and 7th. Midwinter Conference of the Rabminical Council of America. Hotel Furst, South Fallsburg, New York.

THEATRE and MUSIC

"The Farblongjete Honeymoon," starring Molly Picon. In Yiddish. Palace Theatre. East New York ave. and Strauss st. Brooklyn. 8:30 p. m.

"Hill 24 Doesn't Answer," first major film produced in Israel in the English language. World Theatre, 153 W. 49th st.

"The Diary of Anne Frank," starring Joseph Schildkraut. Cort Theatre, 48th st. East of Broadway. 8:40. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

Sunday, Jan. 22. Concert of Jewish Music. Theresa L. Kaufmann Auditorium, YM-YWHA, 1395 Lexington Ave. 8:40. Admission free.

Saturday, Jan. 28. Two Jewish Operas: "Chelm" and "Isaac Levi." Jewish Omnibus Series. Theresa L. Kaufmann Auditorium. Admission, $2, all seats reserved.

Thursday Evenings, Feb. 9-Mar. 15. Yeshiva University Film Society presents 21 films of unusual interest. Private screenings at Riets Hall, 526 West 187th Street. 8:30 p. m. Membership fee, $3.

CULTURAL

Friday, Jan. 20. Symposium on civil rights, led by the Hon. Stanley H. Lowell, assistant to the mayor of the city of New York. East 51st St. Synagogue Center. 8:30 p. m.

Tuesday, Jan. 24. Lecture on "Jewish Contributions to the Psychological Sciences," by Dr. Henry Raphael Gold. Series on "The Jew As An Individual." YM-YWHA, 1395 Lexington Ave.

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Monday, Jan. 30. Lecture, "Automatic Machines and Automatic Men," by Dr. Robert M. Goldenson. Series on "The Excitement of Ideas." Community House, Congregation Emanu-El, 1 65th Street.

Monday, Jan. 30. Lecture "What Americans Believe and How They Worship," by Dr. Nathan A. Perilman. Series on "As Others See Us." Community House, Congregation Emanu-El, 1 65th Street.

Tuesday, Jan. 31. Lecture, "A Psychiatric Analysis of the Jewish Quest for Justice," by Dr. Henry Raphael Gold. Jewish Omnibus Series, YW-YMHA, 1395 Lexington Ave.

ART

Jewish Museum Exhibits. Early American Synagogues and The Synagogue Today; Jewish Ceremonial Art of Europe and the Near East; The World of the Lower East Side. Jewish Museum, 5th ave. at 92d st. Monday, Thursday, 1-5 p. m.; Sunday, 11 a. m.-6 p. m. Closed Friday and Saturday.

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Jewish Merchants Hit For Ban On Items

JERUSALEM (NJP)—Made in Israel prayer shawls (taleisim) and matzohs have been barred from the American market by Jewish merchants in the United States, Rabbi Yehuda Gur told a press conference here on his return from a trip to the U. S.

According to The Jerusalem Post, Rabbi Gur charged that U. S. Jewish manufacturers had pressed the government to impose a 50 per cent tariff on imported taleisim, which they claimed was not necessarily a religious article but could also be used as a scarf.

He said they were guided "only by business interests."

Rabbi Gur, who is head of the religious articles export division, asserted that the same situation developed in the matter of matzohs. Here, he said, the manufacturers, had pressured the food and drug commission to examine the Israel matzohs, which were found to have too high a bacterial count, and thus were banned.

Despite these difficulties, the export of religious items had risen some 35 per cent for the first 10 months of 1955 over the same period of 1954, for a total of $900,000.

Rabbi Davis Named To Indianapolis Pulpit

INDIANAPOLIS (NJP)—Rabbi Maurice Davis, of Temple Adath Israel, Lexington, Ky., has been named spiritual leader of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (Reform). He succeeds Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt, who retired from the active rabbinate.

Rabbi Refuses To Give Invocation At Dinner

NEWARK (NJP)—When Rabbi Louis M. Levitsky of Oheb Shalom here was called on recently at a Jewish Community council dinner in honor of Herbert Abeles and Louis Stern to deliver the invocation, he refused.

Jews, he said, simply recite a brief prayer of thanksgiving—hamotzi — without any accompanying speeches to God. Whatever may be the religious etiquette at non-Jewish or mixed functions, he added ,there is no reason for us to resort to it when we gather as Jews. The recital of the blessing alone lends Jewishness to the function.

The audience was startled.

To make this practice still more Jewish, the rabbi continued, however, as he later reported in the Oheb Shalom Review, a layman or woman should be asked to recite the blessing. Rabbis, he said, do not necessarily express gratitude differently or better than anyone else.

FELLOW WATCHMAN KILLED BY MISTAKEN GUARD

BEERSHEBA, Israel—The father of the first boy to be born in Moshav Gilat, a settlement about 12 miles north of here, was killed last week, when a fellow watchman mistook him for an infiltrator.

A second settler, according to The Jerusalem Post, was severely wounded.

Haim Buni, 35, formerly of Tunisia, said that he was walking with hs wife about 9:30 p.m. at the edge of the settlement's residential area, when he heard shouting and saw two persons coming toward him. Since they did not identify themselves, he fired a burst from his Sten gun in their direction. Five of the bullets entered the body of Chouati Badiri, 49, one of the first settlers of the village and father of 10 children, and killed him instantly.

Severely wounded was Hans Lehman, the father of three children, and husband of a wife in the last stages of pregnancy, who came from Poland and has lived in the moshav for two years.

Four months ago, a village watchman was killed by an infiltrator.

SEX TEST FOUND

JERUSALEM — Scientists at the Rothschild-Hadassah University hospital and the genetics section of the experimental biology department of the Weizmann institute have announced the discovery of a test by which the sex of not-yet-born children can be determined.

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Racing Star Decides To Quit Sport

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (NJP)—You may be finding out that there is a great Jewish racing car star a bit late, for Frank Brodie has announced that he is giving up the sport.

Winner of the South African racing title in 1955, Frank, who has been racing for 20 years, has won every premier race in South Africa.

WINTER HOME PLANNED

BEERSHEBA—In addition to farming, a new settlement started last week at Ein Geddi on the western shore of the Dead Sea plans to build a winter convalescent home there.

Nahum Goldmann May Visit Moscow

TEL AVIV (NJP)—Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chaiman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, may visit Moscow in February or March, upon invitation of Moscow's Chief Rabbi Solomon Shleifer, it was learned here.

GOLDMANN

Rabbi Shleifer invited Dr. Goldmann in the latter's capacity as president of the World Jewish Congress, which some East European Jewish communities were permitted by the Communist authorities to join because it is not purely a Zionist institution.

During his recent stay in Jerusalem. Dr. Goldmann discussed the uesfulness of the trip with Israel authorities, but no final decision was made.

London Group Asks Liberalization of Law

LONDON — Whether persons who intermarry should be debarred from election to communal offices was discussed by a panel organized by the Finchley Literary and Social society of Finchley synagog here recently.

The panel decided that, despite the fact that intermarriage poses a danger to the survival and vitality of the community, the question should be left to the decision of the organizations concerned, which were best qualified to examine all the relevant factors, including sincerity and value of the person involved.

At present, persons who intermarry are not permitted to be candidates for office. The question has been discussed recently in the correspondence columns of The Jewish Chronicle of London.

JNF-Keren Hayesod Merger Is Set

JERUSALEM — Several members of the Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) directorate were instructed at a meeting last week to prepare detailed plans for its merger with the Jewish National Fund. The merger has been under consideration for some time.

SHEKALIM DEADLINE SET

JERUSALEM — The deadline for the purchase of shekalim was last week set at Jan. 31.

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Israel May Construct Big Uranium Factory

JERUSALEM — The construction of a factory in Israel for the large-scale production of uranium from phosphates found in the Negev is now being discussed, it was reported recently.

Up till now, scientists of the Atomic Research commission have been working on a pilot plant, but they feel the stage has now been reached when the erection of a factory for large-scale production of uranium, an element necessary in producing atomic energy, is justified.

Israeli scientists, in conjunction with French scientists, now believe they have worked out a method of producnig the uranium from the phosphate at approximately the same cost as that extracted from richer sources.

BEN-GURION BROADCASTS

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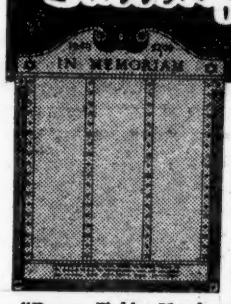
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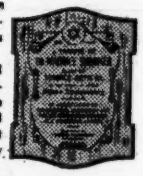
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NATUREI KARTA HALTS REBURIAL OF BONES

TIBERIAS, Israel (NJP)—The transfer of bones found in the courtyard around the tomb of Maimonides to a spot outside the walls of the Jewish cemetery (NJP, Jan. 13, '56), was halted last week, when several hundred Naturei Karta fanatics descended on Tiberias to prevent the alleged desecration.

The zealots, who came from Jerusalem, surrounded the courtyard and posted guards to stop any "traffic in bones and similar nonsense." They also posted notices charging the rabbinate with the desecration of the "graves of our saints."

EARLIER, WHEN skeletons and sarcophagi were moved to the new spot, about a dozen worshippers, led by rabbis, ringed the spot, read Psalms, and begged forgiveness of the dead for disturbing their slumber.

Reburial was made outside the cemetery wall, because only Jews may be buried in a Jewish cemetery, and it was unknown whether the bones were Jewish.

BECAUSE THEY had no money with which to pay their way back to Jerusalem, the Naturei Karta remained at the tomb all day. They also demonstrated, in addition to praying, in an alleged attempt to get arrested and sent home forcibly. The police did not act, however.

Excavations and transfer of bones from the site of the tomb have been suspended temporarily, at the request of the chief rabbinate.

Blames Jewish Bloc, Politicians, Daily Press

Lilienthal Charges Jews With Disloyalty

PITTSBURGH, Pa., (NJP)—The most open accusation he has ever made against the Jews of the U. S. was delivered here by Alfred M. Lilienthal, speaking before the Allegheny County League of Women Voters.

The famed anti-Zionist damned politicians for placing the Jewish bloc vote above the welfare of their country, and the daily papers for being afraid to present both sides of the Arab-Israel situation, according to the daily press here.

"The United States embarked on a dangerous policy of favoritism to Israel," he charged, "through supine politicians willing to place the Jewish bloc vote above the welfare of their country."

Lilienthal claimed that American partiality toward Israel drove Egypt to get arms from Czechoslovakia.

He added that if the U. S. agrees to provide arms to Israel, this country can say goodbye to the Arab world with its oil and teeming millions.

Lillienthal, 41, served two years in the Middle East with the U. S. army during World War II.

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Horse Racing and the Jewish Problem Makes Good Heading For This Piece

BALTIMORE (NJP) — Horse racing and the Jewish problem might be a facetious way to open a review of an article by Henry W. Levy in The Jewish Times here.

Levy, who is public relations officer of the Associated Jewish Charities, termed his piece his "small annual tribute . . . to the pari-mutuel machines at Pimlico and Laurel." These two tracks are close to Baltimore, and are owned by John Schapiro (Pimlico) and Ben and Herman Cohen (Laurel).

On the defensive, "Hank" as he is known to his friends, opened his argument as follows:

"This fact that racing is so much a part of Baltimore's tradition, so important an aspect of the community's thinking, makes all the more remarkable the acceptance in racing of such Johnny-come-latelys as John Schapiro and Herman and Ben Cohen. Within the memory of even the fairly young, there was a time when racing was synonymous with the Social Register, and track board members were as blue blooded as the horses its members raced."

HOW JEWISH OWNERSHIP helps to eradicate barriers is then proposed by Levy:

"Now I know that there are many who frown on racing and care little about the acceptance of the Cohens and Schapiros, and I am aware that some may even raise their brows at the thought of my interest, but I have come more and more to the conclusion that the vigorous and sportsmanlike participation of the Cohens and the Schapiros in racing is—if you'll pardon the expression—good for the Jews. It is another evidence of integration into American life."

Levy then compares the effects of Jewish participation in horse racing in this way with the new program of the American Jewish Committee:

"My good friend John Slawson, the energetic director of the American Jewish Committee, has recently been stressing the importance of breaking social barriers in the never-ending fight that the AJC continues to wage against anti-Semitism. He has been particularly leveling his guns against the social clubs and fashionable hotels that continue to exclude Jews. Without entering into any discussion over whether or not this social anti-Semitism is a basic part of the over-all problem of anti-Semitism, I do not submit that the social barriers are broken more naturally at the Laurel Turf Club or the Pimlico Clubhouse than by Jews forcing their way into country clubs or hotels where restrictions exist."

LEVY'S FINAL bit of wisdom carries race track ownership into the broad social life of the United States and finds it helps integrate the Jews:

"Don't get me wrong. I'm not implying that if we Jews bought more race tracks, we'd solve the problem of anti-Semitism. I'm merely suggesting that the greater the participation of Jews in the sports, cultural and civic life of the community, the greater will be the complete acceptance of Jews into the total life of the United States."

From race tracks, Levy finds a natural correlation in the high society of Baltimore and the society pages of the daily papers:

"And talking about the social life of the community, as I have, I wonder how many of us have been noticing the long-due quiet revolution that is taking place on the society pages of the Sunday Sun. These days, you can see pictures of some of our Jewish brides, even as though they were listed in the local Social Register. And only a few weeks ago, you might have noticed four young Jewish matrons among the 10 ladies included in the eight-column picture of committee members of the Museum of Arts Ball."

Soviets Will Never Let Jews Leave, NBC Newsman Says

By MILTON SHAPIRO
National Jewish Post Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (NJP) — There is no chance of emigration of Soviet Jews, Irving R. Levine, NBC correspondent in Moscow, told The National Jewish Post in an exclusive interview.

The only practicing Jew among the Ten Outstanding Young Men of America made this observation in Lincoln's birthplace city prior to being honored at the national awards dinner of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. Levine is a Pawtucket, R. I. bachelor.

Howard W. Pollock, an Anchorage, Alaska, attorney, another of the top ten, is the son of a paternal Jewish parent, now deceased.

"FROM WHAT I have been able to interpret," Levine advised NJP, "my thinking is substantiated by conversations with Soviet officials, conferences with Israeli diplomats and by reading the Russian press."

In observing religion in the Soviet Union, Levine continued, I personally saw no evidence of repression.

"As a matter of fact," Levine continued, "during the high holidays approximately 1,500 Russian Jews attended services in Moscow's three synagogs. An additional 500 stood outside in a drizzle."

HOWEVER, THIS point I must make clear, Levine remarked, most synagog participants were older people. There were few young folks, he stated.

"In observing religion," Levine pointed out, "I personally saw no evidence of repression. Neither did I observe any impressions of genocide."

"I believe the internal Soviet political forces are today more compatible than at any other previous time. There seems to exist a decentralization of power within the orbit politic itself," he concluded.

HOWARD W. Pollock, whose deceased Jewish father was a Chicago haberdasher, while not a practitioner of Judaism, is certainly not one to conceal his forebear's identity.

Lawyer Pollock conversed openly and honestly about his Jewish relatives. The Pollocks' four children are being raised in the parochial faith.

"MY JEWISH father was Oscar T. Pollock," he said. "Mother and dad were married in Ohio. I have little recollection of my father since he passed away when I was six years old."

"Mother never remarried. However, my deepest regret is that Olga passed away only a few months ago in New Orleans without having lived to see this honor bestowed upon her son.

"MOTHER WAS a Christian Scientist, brother a Methodist. I have an aunt, father's sister, Mrs. Ben Wolfe of Los Angeles, Calif., whom I am rather close to.

"I have a cousin Dr. Robert Pollock, who was a lieutenant commander in the navy and cousins Dan and Josephine Netter of Meridian, Miss.

"My wife's Jewish brother-in-law, formerly of New York City, is Walter Nass of Ft. Worth, Tex., presently engaged in the business of insurance.

"FINALLY, I, have a Jewish cousin in Rensselaer, Ind."

Pollock was once referred to as "the pioneer with the iron fist." This is a true identification since this dynamic individualist lost his right forearm when a naval grenade he was throwing exploded prematurely.

It is further applicable when one learns that he joined the World War II migration to Alaska where he personally cleared 80 acres, built two cabins, his own roads and cultivated the soil. At the urging of his neighbors he ran successfully for the Alaskan legislature and distinguished himself as chairman of the committee on statehood.

Howard was born in Chicago 35 years ago.

A former track star and scholastic honorary society president, Pollock is an enthusiastic booster of Alaska as the new frontier of the free world.

"Anchorage, you know, is similarly as modern as Springfield, USA. Too many present day youngsters have visions of Alaska as a land of dog sleds and blowing snow squalls. Actually, this is a wrong impression," he said.

Outstanding Americans

Two of the 10 outstanding young men of America, who received national Jaycee recognition awards in Springfield, Ill., came virtually half-way around the world to receive them. On the left is Robert W. Pollack, attorney of Anchorage, Alaska, and right, Irving R. Levine, NBC correspondent in Moscow, Russia. Pictured with them is Milton Shapiro, staff correspondent of The National Jewish Post. (NJP Photo by Dave Beatty, Springfield, Ill., State Journal.)

Two Jews Were Judges

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi, The Temple, in Cleveland and conductor-composer Leonard Bernstein were two of the 12 members of the judging panel for this year's selections.

Numerous Jews have won previous honors since the program's inception in 1938. Included among them are Mr. Bernstein, Cyrus L. Sulzberger, Abe Fortas, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., Harry M. Wismer, Abe M. Zarem and Alvin M. Weinberg.

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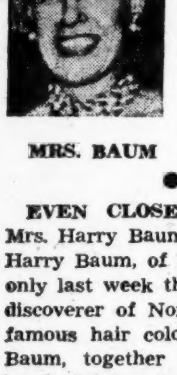
NAMES IN THE NEWS

Grateful Home For Children Graduate Pays For Trip To Son's Bar Mitzva

When Kenneth Annis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Annis becomes bar mitzva on Jan. 28, at Temple Emanuel in Newton, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Osber, of Denver, will get a free trip to the festivities. The Osbers managed the Jewish Home for Children in New Haven, Conn., from 1927 to 1943, where they reared 187 boys and girls. One of the boys, Milton Annis entered the home when he was four years old. He's now an executive of Enterprise Department Stores .Mr. Osber is executive secretary of Denver's BMH synagogue, The Jewish Intermountain Jewish News reports.



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WHEN MR. AND MRS. Julius M. Israel, of Houston, Tex., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, it was an all Israel affair and it was held at Adath Emeth Synagogue. Louis Israel, their son, delivered the sermon and Allen, another son, was cantor. Mr. Israel is serving his fourteenth year as executive director of the Southwest Zionist Region.

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LARRY SCHWIMMER, of Los Angeles, has been elected international president of the B'nai B'rith Young Adults . . . Named chairman of the board of Phi Lambda Kappa medical fraternity was Dr. Isadore B. Silber, of Cleveland . . . Mrs. Jessica G. Alexander, wife of Bernard Alexander, Jewish leader of Trenton, N. J., was appointed as the only woman on the board of education of Trenton by Mayor Connolly . . . The Federal Cabinet of West Germany named Ludwig Rosenberg, a Jew, to the German Atomic Commission.

VISITING HARRISBURG, Pa., Sir Basil Henriques, famed English jurist, took time off to share the pulpit of Reform Temple Ohev Sholem with Rabbi Phillip D. Bookstaber. On a tour for the British Information Services, Henriques was entertained at dinner by Pennsylvania's Governor George M. Leader.

RABBI BERNARD HARRISON, of Beverly Hills, was elected president of the Western Association of Reform Rabbis at its 11th annual convention in Tucson . . . The wedding of Rabbi Morris Smith, of Pittston, Pa., and Miss Sara Reines, has been announced . . . Rabbi and Mrs. Sydney Guthman, of San Antonio, Tex., announce the bar mitzvah of their son, David Hille.

RABBI AND MRS. Samuel M. Burstein of Ottowa, Can., announce the birth of a daughter, their first child. The child is the first granddaughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham Burstein. Rabbi Burstein reviews books for The Post .. . Aui Yitzhak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Dector of Philadelphia, celebrated his bar mitzvah . . . Rabbi Harold B. Kanotopsky was honored on the occasion of his 10th anniversary as spiritual leader of Young Israel of Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, with a banquet recently . . . Rabbi Simon Burnstein was re-elected president of the Rabbinical Council of Washington, D. C. . . . Rabbi Hyman Danzig has been appointed chaplain of both the police and fire departments of Nutley, N. J. . .

THE BAT MITZVAH of Rena Feldbin, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham J. Feldbin, took place Friday evening, Jan. 13 at the Astoria Center of Israel . . . Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman was installed as spiritual leader of Emanuel Congregation in Chicago.

MISS BARBARA ABRAMS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman B .Abrams and Stanley Malcolm Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen of St. John, New Brunswick, were married at Yeshiva U., where the bride's father is registrar . . . Rabbi J. D. Spear was elected to membership of the Athens (Ga.) Ministerial Association . . . Rabbi and Mrs. Aaron L. Gottesman, of Jersey City, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary . . . Rabbi Nathan Estersohn and Mrs. Bernice Simonovitz, of Los Angeles, have announced their marriage.

Central Synagogue For World Jewry Planned

JERUSALEM (NJP) — Plans for a central synagog in Jerusalem for world Jewry were announced here by Dr. S. Cahana, director general of the Ministry for Religious Affairs. The plans have progressed to the point where negotiations with city officials are going on for a suitable site.

THE NEWS HOPPER

Duke of Edinburgh, Eden To Attend British Jewry's Tercentenary Banquet

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH has announced he will attend the Guildhall dinner in May marking the climax of British Jewry's Tercentenary celebration. Prime Minister Anthony Eden has also officially announced he has accepted an invitation to attend the dinner. . . . What might be the largest membership of any congregation in the United States —2,156—was reported by Benjamin Lazrus in the bulletin of Temple Emanu-El in New York.

BERT PARKS of Atlanta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jacobson, famed for his "Stop the Music," and "Break the Bank," programs, was featured in a recent issue of TV Guide. . . . Curvaceous, 18-year-old Gisele Chaber, of Casablanca, won the "Miss France" title at Nice last week. Gisele told reporters she was planning to visit Israel.

A DECREE which states that it would be against the Islamic faith to conclude peace with Isreal was issued this week by a special committee of Moslem religious scholars, known as ulemas, or interpreters of Moslem religious law. . . . The Jewish Conciliation Board of America, court of arbitration in the United States, at its annual meeting, re-elected Dr. Israel Goldstein as its president for the 27th consecutive term.

JEWS WHO WERE dismissed from civil service positions by the Nazis will receive pensions as a result of a law just passed by the West German parliament. . . . Queen Elizabeth knighted three Jews in her recent New Year's list. . . . Dick Savitt, the Jewish tennis star who gave up his active career as a leading United States player to play only occasionally, almost reached the top again as he dropped the finals in the Sugar Bowl tournament to Vic Seixas.

TUITION at the new Academy for Liberal Judaism, in New York which this week issued its first call for students, is free, according to Rabbi Louis I. Newman, director. The announcement said that the "Academy is Liberal in the sense that it follows the principle of free inquiry and the scientific method."

REGULAR Saturday morning services were begun with the first Saturday of the year at North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, Ill. Heretofore, services have been held only on Saturday morning when there had been a bar mitzva. . . . A new B'nai B'rith lodge, named after Simon Bolivar, the great South American liberator, has been organized in Caracas, capital of Venezuela.

AN ANONYMOUS U. S. Jewish woman has contributed 100,000 Israel pounds for the construction of a youth center in Safad. . . . A charge that a British Jew, Eric Myers of Leeds, had sold surplus military tanks to Egypt was found to be completely unfounded, after a thorough investigation by the executive committee of the Leeds Jewish Representative Council. . . . Abraham I. Smith, a practicing attorney in Springfield, Mass., since 1934, has been appointed a probate court judge by Governor Christian A. Herter.

ARTHUR S. ROSICHAN, formerly head of the United Jewish Federation of Buffalo, has been appointed executive director of the Combined Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish Community Services in Montreal. . . . Alexander Ramati, young Israeli author now living in Los Angeles, won the first annual award of the Jewish Drama Guild of Canada for his "Survival," which will be produced in Montreal on Feb. 18. . . . The Decalogue Society of Lawyers of Chicago has selected Sen. Herbert H. Lehman for its annual award of merit. . . . Service station owner M. C. Britton, a non-Jew, donated the profits of his station Christmas Day to Congregation Rodfei Sholom Men's Club in San Antonio.

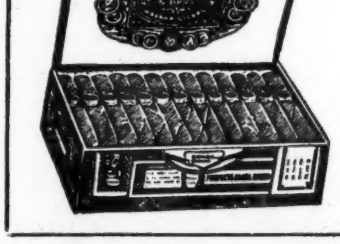
KUPAT CHOLIM dental clinics in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa are being closed down due to lack of funds. . . . The S.S. Zion, sister ship of the S.S. Israel, will sail on her maiden trip from New York for Haifa on March 30.

H. U. Students Guard Border Villages

JERUSALEM (NJP) — Hebrew university students were this week scheduled to begin tours of duty as Jerusalem Corridor guards.

About 100 students have volunteered to support a program sponsored by the Students association and spend one night a month as watchmen in border villages.

The association hopes eventually to recruit 250 students who have completed military service.



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FROM NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE TO ISOLATED VALLEY

This Alaskan Couple Relieved When Uranium Strike Fizzles

By EVE NEWMARK
Jewish Post Correspondent

WHEN GEORGE LOWY greets his visitors with a shotgun, he is really not unneighborly.

However, when his guests become unduly inquisitive, and insist on too close intimacy, he skips the amenities, and presses the trigger. An Alaskan brown bear can make a shambles of his home in a few minutes flat!

In 1946, the Jewish population of Alaska shot up when George and Rose Lowy arrived to stay. Now back in New York for their first vacation in ten years. Rose ruefully explained to The POST reporter that her husky husband was in bed with the flu. He could cope with an Alaskan grizzly more easily than with a New York virus!

"George is really a very peaceful man. Moose come poking their antlers into our affairs also, but they aren't as insistent as the bears, and George hasn't shot one."

SMALL, DARK AND ANIMATED, Mrs. Lowy talked enthusiastically of their lives in their adopted country. Before coming to Alaska, they were for many years owners of a small restaurant in New York's east side, which faced the grim exterior of a New York hospital. Whenever the clatter of diners died down, she and George would resume their continuous day dreaming of the far north.

"Why Alaska? For us it held all the fascination in the world. Over the years, our apartment overflowed with books and travel folders on the subject."

George Lowy arrived in the United States from Germany in the 20's, and shortly after, married the native New Yorker. When both were fifty, an age when most people resign day dreams to oblivion, the Lowys turned the key in their restaurant door for the last time, and started for their Arcadia. For them, life was just beginning!

ARRIVING IN FAIRBANKS, they ran across a newspaper ad offering a roadhouse—Alaskan for roadside restaurant—for sale. The minute they laid their eyes on Tiekel Roadhouse, they knew it was home. 50 miles from the nearest town—Valdez—part of the long, low cabin was built of logs 92 years ago. Its four rooms, including the public dining room, look upon a lonely valley walled in by rugged mountains. The Tiekel river flows in their backyard, and is their summer icebox. In the winter, they live in a refrigerated world.

From the first, they never found their topsy-turvey world dull. Summer months, the sun never sets, just rolls across the horizon, and the riot of colorful wild flowers remind George of his native Germany.

THE FIRST TWO YEARS, their winter darkness was undisturbed by visitors, for the highway passing their front door was snowed in seven months of the year. For companionship they had each other, their books and a radio. One exciting day each month, they spread a parka in the snow and stood nearby as the pilot of a small plane hit the bull's-eye with their bag of mail. Waving their thanks, they watched as their only human contact slowly became a tiny speck in the sky.

"Today, the road is kept open for trucks the year round, and in the summer, we get goggle-eyed tourists from all parts of the world. And the mail is now delivered regularly—once a week!" smiled Mrs. Lowy.

THEY BOTH SHARE in the cooking and serving, and the warmth of their hospitality is a friendly landmark for lonely truckers traveling the Richardson highway.

In May of last year, a low flying plane buzzed around their cabin in excitement. The scintillater had started jumping wildly. Uranium!

The stampede was on. Hundreds of prospectors with flashlights and Geiger counters invaded their valley. Tiekel Roadhouse began to remind the Lowys uncomfortably of their restaurant in New York.

"FORTUNATELY," explained Mrs. Lowy, "the strike didn't pan out. We never staked out a claim, nor do we even own a Geiger counter as a souvenir. You see, George is not a typical frontiersman—he is neither a hunter, trapper or goldrusher. For us, Alaska never was a place to get rich quick.

Rose Lowy believes that the attraction for rustic life she and her husband enjoy is not typical of Jewish people generally.

"Most are gregarious, and prefer large communities, where physical conditions are not as defiant of ease and comfort as they are in Alaska. The few scattered Jewish families in the country live in the larger cities. Most are old time residents, and there have been many intermarriages."

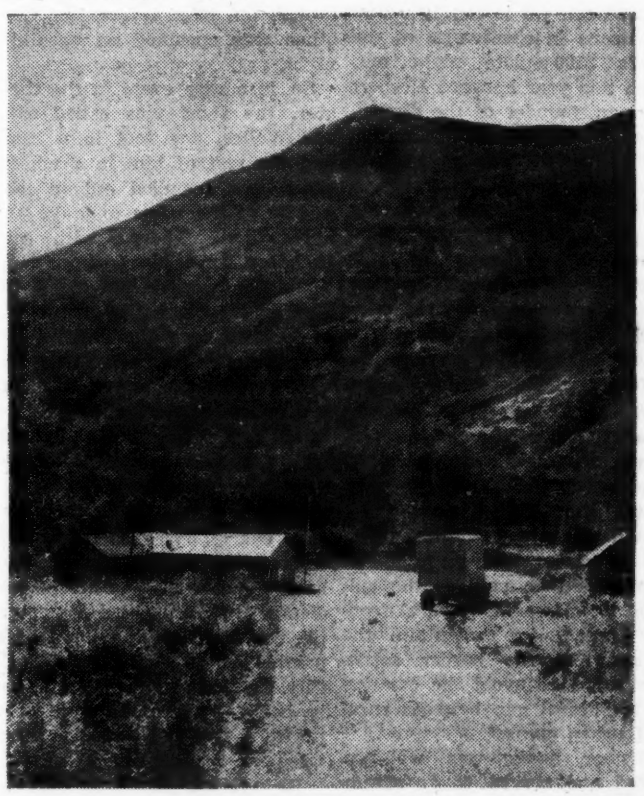
HOWEVER, she believes that when Alaska is no longer a step child of the United States, opportunities will greatly increase, and Jewish people will play a considerable part in developing its great potential.

As far as she knows, there is at present not one synagogue in the country, but families living near the army bases, join the Jewish boys in Friday night services.

In the meantime, George and Rose Lowy may even shorten their three-month vacation, so eager are they to return to Tiekel Roadhouse, start the fires in the coal stoves burnings again, and relight the oil lamp which glows hospitably in their front door.

Come Up and See Us Sometime!

Fifty miles from their nearest neighbor, this Jewish couple who formerly operated a restaurant on New York's East Side, moved to Alaska 10 years ago when Mr. Lowy was 50 years old, and do they love it! They're even thinking of cutting their first vacation to New York in 10 years short, so they can return "home."



This Is The Summer Photo

MAY NAME CEMETERY OF SALOMON U. S. SITE

PHILADELPHIA (NJP)—A House Interior and Insular Affairs subcommittee in Washington has been urged to approve legislation, backed by the Philadelphia delegation in the House of Representatives, designating Mikveh Israel Cemetery, 8th and Spruce Sts., either as a national shrine or an historic site.

Mikveh Israel Cemetery is the burial place of Haym Salomon, patriot-financier of the Revolutionary War who lent the Continental Government $45,000 early in the struggle against the British. In addition to his financial aid to the cause of independence, he helped many American and French prisoners to escape from the British during the Revolutionary War.

AFTER JACKSON PRICE, of the National Park Service, raised objections on behalf of the Interior Department to the proposals to designate the cemetery as a shrine, those who testified agreed that Mikveh Cemetery be designated an historic site.

Last year, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay approved legislation to designate the cemetery as an historic site, but objected to having the Federal Government "assume any responsibility to provide for the administration, care or maintenance of such a shrine."

Subsequently, Rep James A. Byrne of Philadelphia's Third District introduced a similar bill without the provision of Federal upkeep of the cemetery. The subcommittee is now considering the Byrne bill.

Israel Exports First Strawberries of Year

TEL AVIV—A small quantity of strawberries — the first to be exported this year by the Tenne company of Israel—were shipped to Hamburg, Germany by plane last week.

Last year, Germany paid the highest price for Israel strawberries. England bought the largest quantity.

Israel is the only country to export strawberries grown under glass at this time of year, according to the Jerusalem Post.

SYRIANS APPEAR GONE

TIBERIAS, Israel — No Syrians have been met on Lake Kinneret recently and the fortified positions destroyed by the Israel army have not been rebuilt, according to reports here last week.

RABBIS GAIN RIGHT

JERUSALEM — A bill passed by the knesset last week grants religious courts authority to summon witnesses and compel them to give testimony.

Your Name

Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post, Box 1633, Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

By. N. PEARLROTH

DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: I would like to know the origin of my maiden name, Lenhardt. My parents came from Austria Galicia.
MRS. A. L. FELDMAN.
Brooklyn, New York.

LENHARDT is a family name of geographical origin. It is taken from the name of the village of Lenarto or Lenharto which is situated in Hungary in the district of Nagy Saros, across the border from Galicia. Girls in Galicia often contracted marriage with young men from neighboring Hungary and vice versa. In your case the Hungarian ancestor transferred to Galicia took the name of his native village as his family name. If the situation had been reversed, your name would be entirely different.

THEATER

American Fund Described As Unique Agency; Annual Dinner Draws Throng

By JOSEPH GALE

THE ANNUAL DINNERS of the American Fund for Israel Institutions are edifying, and the concerts that follow invariably offer a line-up of top-drawer music and musicians—in short, a long, rich evening. But the quality of these affairs which leaves its impression most indelibly upon us is the Fund itself—a unique enterprise functioning wholly in an area other fund-raising societies pay only scant attention to.

GALE

The Fund is operated for the more than 50 cultural and educational institutions in Israel who receive grants from the annual campaign as the one this year which seeks $1,870,000. Beneficences range from granting of scholarships to individuals, to the support of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. What other American groups do for the flesh of Israel, the Fund does for its heart and mind.

IT IS AN AGENCY where contributions are visibly translated into action. A donor's check one season is likely to turn up as the portico of a new building the next.

Last week we joined 1900 other persons in observance of the Fund's $100-a-plate night out, which this year honored Herbert Katzman, founder of the dinner-concerts and chairman of the first one in 1947; Oscar M. Lazrus, Fund vice-president and a chairman of past New York City campaigns, and Harry C. Oppenheimer, chairman of this year's campaign in greater New York. Each was presented with a silver Bible designed at the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts in Israel.

IN MAKING THE awards, Samuel Rubin, executive committee chairman, said that in view of changing conditions in Israel, the American Fund should re-evaluate its program. He suggested that more attention should be paid to the cultural development of rural frontier areas, to "maintain the stamina of the border settlements and to avoid the creation of a cultural gap between rural and urban areas."

Dinner again was well-prepared and served to an assemblage which seemed to us less elegant, if more numerous, than in recent years. The concert featured prima ballerina Maria Tallchief and soloist Herbert Bliss, of the New York City Ballet, in the introduction and pas de deux from "Swan Lake," and the final act of "Rigoletto," with Leonard Warren, Mimi Benzell, Eugene Conley, Regina Resnik and Nicola Moscona of the Metropolitan Opera. Leonard Bernstein conducted the Symphony of the Air for the opera, Hugo Fiorato for the ballet.

We are beginning to count our years in terms of American Fund dinner-concerts. Long may they be held!

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THE ORSON WELLES production of "King Lear" having opened on the night of the Fund affair, we arranged to attend the second performance. The idea was to report to you on a new "Lear," which is among the most difficult and least performed of Shakespeare's tragedies, and upon the return of the "boy wonder" to the American stage.

But the show did not go on. "King Lear" as a production might have stood on its own feet, but Welles, had he tried it, would have been in trouble, since one of his ankles had been broken the week before, and the other was sprained on opening night.

So, in a rare event in the theater, the show was called off, and Welles, one foot in a cast and the rest of him in a wheel chair, was trundled out to the middle of the stage to make an explanation. There, with no backdrop save his imagination, the aging wonder proceeded to give an hour-long demonstration of how to save the day, in an exercise which drew most of the 1,000 people who stayed to their feet in an ovation when he finished and was wheeled, wired with nerves and bathed in perspiration, from the stage.

WITH DISARMING candor and charm, Welles made his apologies, admitting he hoped to keep a major portion of the audience in its collective seats until the box office closed. He pointed out that the New York City Center, where "King Lear" is being performed, is a non-profit institution, and receipts were of the essence.

He related anecdotes out of his experience and career, told stories, answered questions, bantered about critiques and the critical fraternity, explained "Lear" and declaimed some of its speeches, and in general captivated his hearers. Relatively few people chose to ask for their money back.

Extremely nervous, Welles obviously had set himself the triple task of saving the box office, of working himself personally out of a despairing predicament, and of trying to persuade some of us to return and see the play. It was a magnificent exhibit of charm and skill, and a night which for us saw the seeds of genius put forth a few buds.

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On another Tikva platter—"Siddur Melodies"—Abraham Davis, cantor of Congregation Shaaray Tefila and the Far Rockaway Jewish Center, N.Y., appears as soloist, supported by a choir directed by Naftali Frankel, who also arranged the music.

The chorus is blatant and poor. There are no program notes other than brief and inaccurate descriptions of the life and times of Cantor Davis and Mr. Frankel. The cantor has a voice worth saving.

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TWO MORE RCA Victor cantorial re-issues on 45 rpms. are available: Kapov-Kagan singing "Tka-Beshofor" and "Niloh," and Kwartin with "Jehi Rozon" and "T'ka B'shofar" (the difference in spelling is RCA's, though the compositions seem essentially the same).

The Kapov-Kagan record is by far the earlier of the two. Kwartin's greater resonance makes his seven-incher the better buy, though both are relics and probably shan't remain in the catalogue much longer.

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THERE ARE not many books outside of texts in which Jewish readers may gain an idea of the nature of Jewish secular contribution to the world of Western architecture, sculpture, painting, literature and music.

One such is "Arts and Ideas," by William Fleming, 797 pp. (Henry Holt & Co. $10). Dr. Fleming's heavy, profusely illustrated and well-integrated volume will in time become a text, perhaps. But for now it constitutes a fine, general survey of the culture which is the heritage of us all.

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Teen Talk

By JUDY PALLER

HELLO TEENS!

We certainly seem to have fanned the flame of discussion on this inter-dating, inter-marriage question. Lend an ear to the reactions of two of our readers to the subject.

JUDY

"Dear Miss Palmer:

"Anti-semitism has been pointed out to me since the earliest days of my Jewish education. Perhaps in my concern with it, I have ignorantly overlooked anti-Gentile bigotry among Jews. Only recently have I begun taking note of the way some of my Jewish acquaintances sneer the words 'shixie' and 'goy' (just as an anti-semite would refer to a "Jew-boy").

"THEN ONLY last week I read a letter published in your column from a Jewish father alarmed lest his daughter marry a young man willing to accept Judaism although not of Jewish blood himself.

"The father didn't mention any objection to the boy's religious feelings nor to the prospective groom's personal character. Obviously, his sole objection to the match is the suitor's Gentile heredity. It is the height of irony for Jews to insist that marriage be based upon the Nazi pseudo-scientific theory of blood purity. It is certainly against all the principles of Judaism; there would never have been a David without the conversion of the Moabite Ruth.

"THE NAZI bigots once claimed they would destroy the Jewish people. If they have succeeded in implanting their concept of racial purity in the Jewish mind, then they have truly destroyed that brotherhood which characterizes our faith.

For what purpose should we Jews ghettoize ourselves? Have we so little confidence in our ancient heritage that we fear to contrast it with Gentile creeds in America's market-place of ideas?

JUDAISM WILL not be preserved by segregating ourselves from citizens of other creeds. If we are truly interested in fostering our faith, then let's gain

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NEW YORK

Eden Hopes To Get Dulles To Work For Him

By M. Z. FRANK

SIR ANTHONY EDEN must be in pretty bad shape, if the New York Times, in an editorial on Monday, Jan. 9, had to explain that he is not the Big Flop the British public think he is, but in another editorial, on Thursday, Jan. 12, admits that "The British have not handled their affairs in this region (the Middle East) with their customary skill and experience."

However, there is one field in which the British bureaucrats of the Foreign office have shown their customary skill and experience; and, that is, in unloading their troubles on Uncle Sam and letting him hold the bag.

U. S. Pulls British Chestnuts Out of the Fire

When Britain, under Attlee, pulled out from India, it was done with American encouragement, and the people of India were grateful. But the Foreign Office and India Office bureaucrats knew how to plant a Pakistan in India before pulling out and how to plant themselves in the Pakistan government to run it. So long as Uncle Sam had not come into the picture, the Indians loved America and were suspicious of England, since they saw in Pakistan an artificial creation aimed at their destruction, or at least, embarrassment.

But when the American government was drawn into the British-induced "pactomania" and began financing a Pakistani army in the so-called "Northern Tier," and, when on top of that, Dulles recalled Chester Bowles from India and sent another ambassador, India resentment against England turned on the United States, and Nehru began to flirt with Russia, hoping thereby to safeguard his country's freedom and sovereignty.

Of course, Dulles lectured to Nehru, but lecturing to a Prime Minister who feels he is defending his country's very life can have little effect. It is like Gabriel Cohen lecturing to Ben-Gurion: It is all right to defend your country, provided you let the enemy hurt you and don't hurt the enemy. So now, United States Ambassador John Sherman Copper hurries to Washington at the same time that the Foreign Office officials come to the capitol to teach the officials of the State Department the facts of life in the Middle East.

What Eden Will Tell Dulles

While Mr. Copper tells Mr. Dulles how we are losing out in India, the superior Britishers will explain to their inferior American colleagues that:

a) The Greeks of Cyprus are not really Greek; they don't want to be Greek, and the whole business is purely artificial propaganda induced from Athens.

b) All the Arabs love the British, and what happens in Jordan is just an optical illusion. All you have to do is let the Arabs have the Negev, and everything will be honkey-dorey.

c) It is the duty of the United States, by using the services of willing American Jews, to make Ben-Gurion understand that he ought to give up the Negev.

d) The Jews don't really need the Negev, they don't want the Negev; it is just a stretch of sand; they will have peace with the Arabs, guaranteed by the British (what worth is that guarantee?—it is impolite to ask such questions) and be happy without it. It is just a bit of sentimentality on their part. And if Ben-Gurion proves stubborn and won't even listen to Herman Gray and Gabe Cohen, the U. S. should withhold arms equipment until he comes to his senses.

Negev Or Expansion Eastward

There is no secret in the British designs: It is all there in the New York Times dispatches, if you know how to read between the lines.

Now, the fairy tale about the Negev is one of the Big Lies, perfected but not invented by Hitler. The truth of the matter is that there is less historic Jewish sentiment attached to the Negev than there is to Bebron, Bethlehem or Transjordan. But, since the British helped to close the other parts of Palestine to the Jews (which they originally promised them), the Jews had to turn to the Negev. If the Jews are shut out of the Negev, Israel will have the alternative of committing national suicide or expanding eastward by war.

So now we see how British policy, in the Middle East, as once in Munich, is preserving the peace!

CONFERENCE MOVED

TEL AVIV — The Histadrut Central committee has changed the location of the Histadrut's eighth conference, from Feb. 7 to 9, from Haifa to the Habimah theatre here.

SWEDE TRANSFERRED

JERUSALEM—Mrs. Vera Asker, charge d'affaires of the Swedish legation here, is being transferred to Switzerland.

WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT By HELEN COHEN

Not Husband-Snatching, U. S. Women Defended

AS A FELLOW FEMALE I couldn't help being saddened by the story from Haifa (NJP, Jan. 6, '56), by correspondent Leo Heiman in which he reported the antagonistic stand taken by Israeli girls toward their American counterparts who were over there in the hope of acquiring husbands.

Were you also upset to read how one Israeli bachelor girl of 25 felt: "If I ever see one coming to a party I was invited to, I am going to kick her out . . ."

Heiman dismissed it as the "usual talk of a loser . . ."

Even so it should give us women something to think about.

(Heiman's pertinent statistics: In 1954 and first half of '55, 1,231 American citizens married Israelis. One thousand of those Americans were women, and only 86 couples remained in Israel, half of that 86 being American men.)

THE FIRST AND strongest reaction to the news is that, just in case you aren't yet convinced, it's still a man's world.

You didn't read of any complaints from Israeli men about the 200 American men who came there and lured 200 Israeli girls out of the country as their wives. A man needs a wife; let him go searching for her where he will and use whatever resources he may to win her hand.

Oh sure, there would perhaps be the same resentment against those Israeli girls who forsook their land for the prosperous life over here, but I doubt if the American men are blamed for this default. Yet, from the stories, you would think that the American women were acting underhandedly and unfairly when they do the same thing.

LET'S BEAR in mind throughout this discussion that American Jewish girls have been urged and encouraged to do just what they have done. "Go to Israel," has been the sales talk, "plenty of extra men there needing wives."

Now look what happens when they accept in good faith that advice. Get it thrown in their faces.

I AGREE THAT it must be discouraging for Israelis to see their men walking out in such large numbers, especially during these difficult times, and it would be nice if the American girls would volunteer to stay and share their husbands' fate. But why ask more of the girls than of her parents and cousins and brothers. Israelis have accepted the fact by now, I suppose, that they aren't to expect any mass exodus from this land.

As for American girls being wealthy ("They can have those oafs of men they get for their money," the Israeli female was quoted) I presume they must come from fairly well-to-do homes, else how could they have gotten together the money for the long trip. But isn't it rather a tribute to their feeling of Yiddishkeit that they were willing to make such a journey rather than take the path that not a few of our American Jewish boys have done who don't find the local Jewish girls pleasing in their sight — to extend their search locally to non-Jewish possibilities and enter a mixed marriage?

THERE IS ANOTHER facet to this situation worth exploring. Even if the couple rturns to America, if the man has strong ties to the land of Israel —parents, friends, relatives, years of memories—that couple will be much more likely to be closely bound to the country than most of our people here who have no such ties. There will be trips over there, mail, gifts, perhaps the decision one day to (if it please the Lord that all goes well there) actually emigrate. And there will be children of the unions who will have grandparents and aunts and uncles to draw them to the land of their fathers.

—The Digest of the Yiddish Press—

Day-Journal Coins Name: Honorary Arabs

By RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

DISCUSSING, with ill-concealed nausea, Rabbi Elmer Berger's account of his trip to the Middle East, the Day-Journal's Aaron Zeitlin comes up with still another epithet for the Bergerites: honorary Arabs.

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Another Joke: The Mother-in-law Kind

Sample jest in a kiddies' bright sayings column by N. Sperber in the Forward: Trying to learn Shirley's Hebrew name, her rabbi asked what her grandmother had been called. Replied Shirley: mother called her mama, and daddy called her the old witch.

13 Jewish Lords, 12 Barons

In an editorial tribute to English Jewry, currently observing the tercentenary of its resettlement, the Day-Journal marvels that although the Jewish population (450,000) there adds up to only 1 per cent of the total, 5 per cent of the members of the Royal Society of Science are Jewish. Other English-Jewish statistics: there are 13 Jewish Lords, 12 barons, 18 Commons members. English Jewry, asserts the editorial, is now the largest and most influential in all of Europe (excluding Russian Jewry, which is a cultural blank).

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New Features Added By Yiddish Press

Current features in the Yiddish press include a regular column called "What's New in Real Estate" by the well-known realtor-philanthropist Morris Morgenstern (he owns the original of Washington's letter to the Newport synagogue) in the Day-Journal, and a hairbreadth serial, "I was a Member of Stalin's Spanish Legion," by Z. Stein, in the Forward.

—Teens

(Cont. from Preceding Page)

a new appreciation of our heritage through education rather than ghettoes. Let's learn to value the age-old ethics of Judaism, including the words of Malachi: 'Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us?'

Paul Greenberg"

Shreveport, La.

This talk about "ghettoizing" ourselves comes up frequently among Indianapolis Jewish teens. There is much to be said on both sides of the provocative question. One group says we snub the Gentile teens—the others insist that they exclude us.

THOSE WHO have close friends among the non-Jewish crowd at school stick to the argument that the Jewish group is one big clique and makes no effort to be friendly.

We who socialize mainly with Jewish fellows and gals retort "If the Gentile teens are so willing to be buddy-buddy with us, why do the constitutions of some of their social clubs restrict membership to people of one religion?"

THE DEBATES get quite heated at points—and net some interesting viewpoints. The next time your crowd gets together, toss out a question or two on how they feel about our relations with non-Jewish people. After you've heard their reactions, drop us a line.

I don't feel entirely capable of coping with the subject of intermarriage—so I'll ask my readers to help me on the subject by writing in their opinions.

RETURNING TO something a little closer to our own lives—I have a letter from a gal who stands on the affirmative side of the inter-dating scale. Here's what she has to say:

"Dear Judy,

"I receive the Jewish Post through the synagogue I go to, and am a steady reader of your article.

"I am 14 years old and I have been going steady for almost a year with a boy who is sixteen. The boy I go with is not Jewish, but because there are no Jewish boys in my town, I am allowed to date Gentile boys.

"ABOUT A month ago, my mother had a talk with my boyfriend and me about my dating other boys for a change, and his going out with other girls. We told her we didn't want to, and ever since then she has been saying, 'I want you to date other boys'.

"My parents like this boy very much and approve of him but they think we are getting too serious—which we are not.

"I WRITE to quite a few boys whom I have met at camp etc. and when I go out of town I sometimes get together with them, but I don't actually date anyone but this boy at home.

"Do you think I am doing the right thing, or should I take a chance and date other boys? All my friends tell me I am very foolish to even think about breaking up with him to date other boys. To tell you the truth, I agree with them, but I would appreciate the opinion of you and your readers.

Jane G."

PERHAPS YOUR mother's worry is premature, since you have just entered your teens. On the other hand—she may be looking into the future—and wondering how things will be when you have both Jewish and Gentile boys to choose from—then what will be your choice?

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Winter fruits are beautiful to display. In our house we often use them for decoration now that flowers are expensive to come by. Recently at the home of a friend who always is noted for her original decorations, our eyes were delighted by her table display of potted vines with brown pears, nuts and avocados in a large wicker basket. She carried out the color scheme with a brown linen cloth and green napkins. Sometimes she spears choice dried fruits on colored toothpicks and studs a pineapple with these colorful noshes. Our eyes are fed during the luncheon, and we have nutritious, but not too filling, sweets to nibble on during the coffee course.

WE HAVE come to take for granted the bounty of our American foods. In every season of the year there are fresh and frozen and canned fruits and vegetables to keep us from boredom in the daily task of menu planning. In earlier years few vegetables and fewer fruits were available. Then, indeed, the dried fruits were used to great advantage. And nowadays, when we have so many choices we are likely to forget how many maicholim may be prepared from these products.

RAISIN CRANBERRY PIE

1⅓ cup seedless raisins
1⅓ cup fresh cranberries
1⅓ cup water
¾ cup sugar
½ tsp. salt
1⅓ tsp. cornstarch
pastry for double 8 inch crust

Rinse and drain cranberries and raisins. Combine with water, sugar, salt and cornstarch. Bring to a boil and cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Cool. Pour into pastry lined pie plate. Cover with top crust. Pierce with a fork, and slash at intervals with a knife to provide steam vents. Bake for 15 minutes at 450 degrees. Reduce heat to 375 and bake 20 minutes longer. Very good hot.

UNCOOKED FRUIT AND NUT ROLL

⅞ cup finely chopped prunes
½ cup finely chopped dried apricots
½ cup chopped almonds
½ cup sweetened condensed milk
2 tblsps. lemon juice
2 cups cookie or wafer crumbs
confectioners' sugar

Fruits and nuts may be chopped by running through the food chopper, using fine blade. Mix fruits and nuts well. Blend milk and lemon juice. Stir in cookie crumbs. Sprinkle confectioners' sugar on waxed paper. Pat crumbs and milk mixture on top of sugar to form a rectangle about 8 by 10 inches. Spread with fruit and nut mixture. Roll as for jelly roll. Wrap up in the waxed paper. Chill overnight in the refrigerator. Slice and garnish with whipped cream if desired.

Serves 8.

RAISIN PINEAPPLE SALAD

½ cup seedless raisins, dark or light
½ cup crushed pineapple, drained of juice
2 cups grated or shredded carrot
⅓ cup mayonnaise
1 tblsp. lemon juice

Rinse raisins and plump by steaming in a sieve over hot water about 5 minutes. Drain and cool. Combine with pineapple and carrot. Blend dressing and lemon juice. Pour over combined fruits and carrots. Toss with fork. Mound on salad greens.

Serves 4.

RAISIN BRAN MUFFINS

1 cup bran cereal
1 cup milk
1 beaten egg
2 tblsps. melted shortening
1 cup raisins
1 cup sifted all purpose flour
4 tsps. baking powder
½ tsp. salt

Soak bran in milk 5 minutes. Add egg and shortening. Sift together flour, salt and baking powder. Add all at once to first mixture, then add raisins. Stir in very lightly, just enough to moisten the dry ingredients. Pour into greased muffin pans, filling each ⅔ full. Bake at 400 degrees 20 to 25 minutes. Serve hot with butter or cream cheese.

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Weinreb's 'Esther' Follows Modern Formula To Apply Sex, Sadism To Bible

By MEYER LEVIN

ESTHER, by Nathaniel Norsen Weinreb. Doubleday. $3.95

I suppose one shouldn't bother to dignify this pot boiler with a discussion, except that it represents a tendency. There is a steady auidence for biblical novels, just as there is a steady audience of a slightly different kind for mystery novels. And Weinreb seems to be embarked on a series of novels about Old Testament heroines, having given us "The Sorceress," about the prophetess Deborah, a season ago.

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HE IS somewhat in competition with Frank Slaughter, who wrote the execrable "Song of Ruth" that is now unfortunately all over the paperback stands.

These books exploit and vulgarize biblical material. They are not so far from the mystery and adventure story market, for they apply the same sex-and-sadism formula to biblical material that other writers apply to gangster novels.

IN "DEBORAH," it will be remembered, Weinreb invented for the biblical prophetess a boyfriend who was a professional prizefighter. He then used this opportunity to regale the reader with bloody descriptions of combat, all within the framework of a so-called biblical novel.

This is, incidentally, thoroughly in the tradition of Asch and other biblical novelists, who lose no opportunity to turn on the torture and the gore, with the excuse that the Bible itself contains a great deal of violence. However, the bible records violence, without gloating upon it. This, our modern writers seem to forget.

FOR THE story of Esther, Weinreb has come up with some juicy scenes. It seems that in telling us that Esther dared to appear unbidden before the King, the narrators of the meggilah neglected to describe the vicious cheetahs that guarded the map room into which the king had locked himself, while preparing his campaign against the Greeks.

They neglected to describe to us the eunuch who was in love with Esther, and who sacrificed himself to the jaws of the cheetahs, so that she could get past to the king.

INDEED, THE narrators left out a great deal. They neglected to tell us about Memucan, who was a pre-Haman villain, double-crossed by Haman. They forgot to mention that Ahaseurus was an amateur artist like Churchill or Eisenhower, and that Hadassah-Esther won his heart by posing for him, and reading to him.

Poetic liberties are, of course, scarcely to be questioned. A novelist is quite justified in personalizing historical characters, where little has been given us to go by. And the depth of characterization becomes only a measure of his powers as an artist, rather than of the original document.

BUT IT is the question of taste, with which one must deal, in criticizing those writers whose literary talents do not require us to indulge in serious criticism. It seems to me that historical writers could find characters elsewhere than in the Bible, if they want to indulge in vulgar and sadistic embellishments.

The Bible has too often served as an excuse for descriptive scenes of orgies and of brutality. Writers of this kind are not needed, to "popularize" the scriptures. People who will only respond to this brand of popularization will scarcely be impressed with the original content of the material that is sometimes dropped in.

And as for literary craft, it would be difficult to improve on the original, particularly in the case of the book of Esther.

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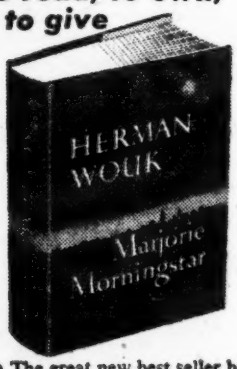

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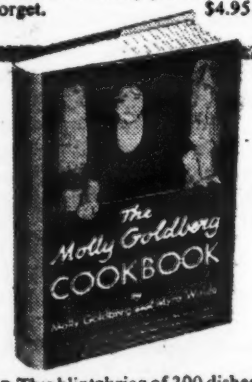

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Mistranslations Make Mischief

It is to be hoped that the new translation of the Bible to be issued by the Jewish Publication society will undo a great injustice to the text and to the good name of the Jews. Both in the third chapter of Exodus and again in the twelfth, the verb Natzal is translated "despoiled," when it should in truth be "saved." In the earlier chapter, the JPS Bible, and the King James and Douay Bibles as well, states:

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"Every woman shall ask of her neighbor . . . jewels of silver and jewels of gold and raiment . . . and ye shall spoil the Egyptians."

In the 12th chapter again:

"AND THE Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. And they despoiled the Egyptians."

Now the verb Natzal, which in these two instances is translated "despoiled," occurs some 212 times in the Scripture. In the other 210 instances, it is translated (in all the versions) to snatch from danger, to rescue from a wild beast, to recover property.

The direct object of this verb is never the person or the thing from whom the saving or the rescuing or the snatching has taken place, but always the person or thing rescued. The translation, "save the Egyptians," is based on the interpretation that these gifts would be an atonement by the Egyptians, in some measure at least, for the 400 years of bondage of the Children of Israel.

THE MISCHIEF of this mistranslation is of long standing. The Talmud records a formal claim for indemnity put forward by the Egyptians before Alexander the Great for the vessels of gold and silver which the Israelites had taken with them at the Exodus. It is further recorded that the Jewish spokesman had little difficulty in establishing the proposition that if any indemnity was to be awarded, it was to the Israelites who had been forced into slave labor for four centuries.

This might be a helpful precedent when at long last the United Nations may get around to the question of the Arabic refugees and the question of indemnity for the property which they left in Israel. Is it too much to expect that the same sensitive compassion which the Christian world has shown toward the Arabic refugees might also be shown toward the Jews who fled from

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One Visit To Israel Will Dispel All Fears

By CARL ALPERT

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We may perhaps dismiss these three as non-typical, and certainly un-Jewish in attitude, but almost everyone I met, UJA contributors and Israel Bond buyers, large and small, also expressed concern about Israel's strength.

During the last few days, I have had opportunity for leisurely discussion with a number of Jewish leaders here in Tulsa. I have found this to be one of the most thoughtfully informed Jewish communities I have ever visited, and I have listened almost as much as I have talked. And here I have discovered the source of these fears.

American Jews Are Wishful Thinkers

Israel has neglected to acquaint its friends abroad with the degree of its strength. Though the American government receives the reports of its military experts, and quite properly appraises the Israeli army as one of the best trained and best organized armies among the small nations of the world, American Jewry feeds itself only on wishful thinking.

Rarely have I seen a group of intense auditors as genuinely relieved as when I told them that Israel, too, has jet planes. The existence of an Israeli navy has been suspected, but many thought that it was limited to the one ship that made a good-will tour to the United States some time ago.

American Jews find it difficult to understand why we Israelis are not more fearful. The reason is, in large measure, that we in Israel know that we are not defenseless. We recall what we wrought in 1947 and 1948 with little more than will power and determination, and the contrast of our armed strength today is a source of great confidence.

American Jews have not seen our planes or tanks or ships. They are not familiar with the caliber of the men and women in Israel's defense force, whom we in Israel know intimately. American Jews read that Israel is seeking to purchase arms in the United States, and they at once conjure up visions of an Israel standing defenseless, while Arab tanks and guns are lined up at the border.

Fears Are Needless—Israel Is Strong

It is regrettable that such fears should exist. Israel is strong. Its strength at this moment is such that if war were to break out with the Arab nations, Israel would not only repel attacks but would be able to occupy enemy territory from which the attacks were launched.

It is that knowledge which has made the Arabs avoid taking any desperate steps and which has dictated Arab prudence, even in the face of Israel's large-scale retaliation raids. As I suggested several weeks ago, however, the appearance of Soviet Russia on the scene does introduce a new element. It is inconceivable that the Western powers are prepared to abandon the Middle East to Communist influences, and there is therefore good reason to believe that Israel will get the additional arms she requests.

Those American Jews who may still be subject to fears and doubts can allay those fears by going to visit Israel. One who sees Israel with his own eyes—sees its people at home and at work, its roads, its industries, its youth—sees and senses the vitality and the dynamism of the country—will never again doubt Israel's ability to defend itself.

Anti-Semitic Books From U. S. Are Being Sent To Australia

NEW YORK—An effort to stop shipment to Australia of anti-Semitic literature originating in the U. S. has been made here by A. S. Liebler, president of the Victoria Jewish Board of Deputies and chairman of the Public Relations committee of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

In an interview, Liebler said a large number of anti-Semitic pamphlets are being received in Australia. This material, he said, is being received by a Mr. de Louth of Queensland, who is alleged to be responsible for its distribution in Australia.

While action is expected to be taken in Australia, Liebler has been discussing the problem with the Anti-Defamation league of B'nai B'rith and the World Jewish Congress in an effort to stop the export of the pamphlets.

Liebler also discussed with Jewish authorities here the threat to shechita in Australia.

Rabbi Weinstein Says:

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Nazi Europe, from the Iron Curtain countries and from the Moslem dominated lands of Asia and Africa?

IN TRUTH and justice, is it not fair to balance against the Arabic claims for properties left in Israel, the Jews' claims for properties left in Yemen, Iraq, Syria, Morocco and Tunis? Will this international agency have the perspective to see that in fact a rough exchange of populations has taken place and that while everything must be done to assuage personal hurts and individual loss, the over-all truth is that the iron wheel of history has displaced one population to make room for another?

In both cases peoples have found themselves amidst their own. It is high time indeed that Christian nations, instead of rebuking the State of Israel, should commend it for its work of rescue and rehabilitation and recommend that the strong, oil rich, Arabic powers show a similar concern for the self-exiled brethren in their midst.

This is but a minor detour in the great Sedra of this week. We shall do fuller justice to this chapter as the true beginnings of Israel as a free nation during the Passover weeks.

Herut, General Zionist Parties May Merge

TEL AVIV (NJP) — Negotiations for a merger between the Herut (freedom) party and the General Zionists, who are aligned with the Zionist Organization of America, were opened here, following preliminary discussions.

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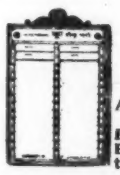
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JUDAISM AND PSYCHIATRY edited by Simon Noveck, $2.50 (National Academy for Adult Jewish Studies, United Synagogue).

That religion and psychiatry, after a season of mutual disapprobation, have sought a rapprochement is now generally recognized. But that Judaism, as the religion closest to the facts of worldly living, is the most likely consort for that science is now fully evidenced in the newest United Synagogue publication. Fifteen rabbis and physicians herein discuss the problems of conscience, guilt, fear, neuroses, and the many other factors of both religious and psychological moment. Judaism is shown to have no belief in the instinctual wickedness of mankind—there are both yetzer tov and yetzer ra. It has been marked by the attitude of "resignation with hope," which explains the persistence of both individual Jew and the Jewish people. And there are the love of learning, humor, and faith, psychodynamic aids to continuance. And all leads to the conclusion that the best way of avoiding or overcoming psychoneurotic complications is to be a good Jew to the fullest extension of that term.

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THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

ABOUT 10 years ago, I spent a few hours with Sam Bronfman, whom you may know best as the president of Seagram's Distillers, Limited, but who is known to the world for his stewardship of the Canadian Jewish community.

Last week, 10 years later, I got another chance to talk to him. We discussed the American Jewish community and the Canadian Jewish community—which former always suffers by comparison. Whether this is due to the type of leadership the Canadian Jewish community has been getting or the fact that the Jews of Canada never reached the stage where at one time they were in flight from their Judaism, is something the historians may decide.

Mr. Bronfman told me about his abortive attempt to bring some form of unity into the entire American Jewish community when the national Jewish leadership of that day was convened at the organizing session of the UN 10 years ago in San Francisco.

HE HAD called a luncheon of the Jewish leaders there, and proposed that the unified program that had been forged by the Jews for presentation at the UN should be the first step towards the kind of unity in the entire continent that had been worked out in the Canadian Jewish community, where all Jewish organizations and all Jewish efforts are co-ordinated through the Canadian Jewish Congress, of which Mr. Bronfman has been president for so many years.

Mr. Bronfman vouchsafed that in a year or two he may move to the U.S. If he does, he'll find it a lot more difficult to bring any kind of co-ordination into the work of our national Jewish organizations than he has any conception of.

The only kind of unity in the U.S. Jewish community today is through a few agencies, two of which are the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the new but loose arrangement of presidents of national Jewish organizations convened by Nahum Goldmann, the chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

NEITHER OF THESE bodies truly represent the U.S. Jewish community except in an oblique way.

One unified agency—the Synagogue Council of America—which has been a body with some potential for good, but not a major body, has just suffered a blow from which it may not recover, although we hope not. This was in the recent action of the Orthodox group who boycotted the installation of Rabbi Abraham Feldman, of Hartford, Conn., which took place at Temple Emanu-El in New York. The reason: Temple Emanu-El is Reform, and the Orthodox delegates were forbidden to enter, even though this was not a religious ceremony.

Today, too, there is division in the field of Jewish community Relations work. This field was organized into a unified agency, but several years ago the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee withdrew from the National Community Relations Advisory Council, and now compete with it.

FOR SOME reason the day of the titans in U.S. Jewish life seems to have disappeared. Warburg and Schiff were before my time, and although I remember Alfred M. Cohen, of B'nai B'rith, it was Henry Monsky and Judge Proskauer, and Stephen Wise and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver who were on the scene when I first came in contact with it.

Now although Silver and Proskauer are with us, and even though Silver has as our headline put it "rolled up his sleeves" again, I doubt that the kind of Jewish leadership we once had will reassert itself.

Phil Klutznick had a chance to fill these shoes, but he muffed it, and the chance very likely won't present itself again.

OUR NATIONAL Jewish organizations still dominate the U.S. Jewish community, but not exclusively as they did 10 and 20 years ago. The communities have grown stronger and stronger, and their rise to power, plus the restoration of the position of the rabbi, has made it well nigh impossible for men to rise again who by their strong leadership and will-power will once again dominate the U.S. Jewish community.

Mr. Bronfman will not strike you as that kind of leader. He will strike you as a man of ability and devotion to the Jewish cause, and a leader who is a thinker—that is if he decides to move to the U.S. and you begin to know him in the way that the Canadian Jews know him.

BUT IF YOU ask us whether there is a great need for leadership in the U.S. Jewish community of today, our quick answer will be most certainly yes.

Men of vision with a true conception of the U.S. Jewish community are the one great lack of today.

The leader of the future won't be a follower of the anti-defamation approach to Jewish survival. No, he'll believe that the solution of the problem of the Jew does not lie outside of the Jew himself.

He'll put first things first, and education will be once again the dominating theme of all Jewish activity.

Fund-raising will be carried on, but it will not be the overpowering activity it is today, brushing aside as it does in its often immoral way many traditional Jewish values.

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WORLD JEWS SHOULD SHARE DECISIONS

ELIEZER LIVNEH'S theme that world Jewry should have some specific role in the determination of Israel policy may come as a shock to POST readers, even though he has been preaching this kind of development for some time now.

Up until this most recent statement (NJP, Jan. 13, 1956), Mr. Livneh, who is considered something of a theoretician and thinker in Israel and once was a close advisor to Ben-Gurion, wanted the world Jewry's involvement in Israel limited to the field of charity. He was advocating the theory that Israel was suffering economically and from a morale standpoint because the funds given to the new state were not under the control of world Jewry.

Not particularly that some of the funds were being squandered, although he did not avoid this charge, but that they tended to rob Israel of determination to conquer her own economic problems, to face life in Israel as it was.

No one in the United States — no leader at least — has echoed this viewpoint. Some years ago the Council of Jewish Federations made a fight on the issue, but accepted a compromise which was really nothing, and which has meant nothing as far as meeting the real issue.

Ben-Gurion's charge that Israel was living on too high a standard fits in with Mr. Livneh's views that reliance on outside help was undermining Israel's will to live on what she has.

We're not taking any position here, although we're inclined to agree with Mr. Livneh's underlying proposition, but we're telling you that this is a matter which deserves wider discussion in the United States Jewish community.

PICKETING OF SHUL NOT PRETTY PICTURE

THE UNSEEMLY PICKETING of a synagog on Saturday morning in Miami Beach is the latest episode in the involved fight over kashrut in that vacation capital of the world.

The fight in Miami Beach is over the selling of kosher meat in a supermarket —the Food Fair stores.

The kosher butchers claim the food is not kosher because it is sold under the same roof in which non-kosher meats are sold. There seems to be no charge that the meats themselves are not kosher.

But fundamentally, the fight is one for survival of the kosher butchers, who understand that they can hardly compete price-wise against the supermarket with its huge buying power.

YET, FROM THE STANDPOINT of the consumer, if the supermarket can supply meat that is adjudged strictly kosher at prices which are in line with prices paid by the non-Jewish consumer for similar cuts, then the cause of kashrut will have been advanced. Heretofore the complaint has been that prices for kosher meats are exorbitant, and the butchers have defended themselves against this charge by explaining that too many Jewish buyers prefer only the more expensive cuts, while eschewing the cheaper ones. Meanwhile, the butcher can get only a certain number of steaks from the cow, and to cover his expenses must sell all parts of the cow, which he has slaughtered. In addition, he claims that his prices are not higher for similar cuts of non-kosher meats.

In Miami the situation is complicated by the fact that there are four competing bodies (vaadim, each claiming that they are the authorized body for issuing licenses of strict kashrut. The four fight each other bitterly, and the Greater Miami Jewish Federation has been attempting for a period of several years to bring some order out of the chaos.

THIS IS HARDLY a pretty picture, and the photographs in the Miami daily papers do not make for pleasantness. Yet, the picketing may bring the issue to a head, leading to some sort of solution.

In the long run, the public will decide the issue, despite all else, and the bringing to bear of Jewish public opinion may resolve the matter quicker than any other method.

Repeats That Nasser Seems To Have Outwitted Israel

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I would like to comment on Mr. Oestreicher's criticism of my letter.

I did not state that Nasser was outwitting U. S., Russia, etc. That was the editor's summary of my letter which appeared on the heading above my letter. I would rather have stated that Nasser has taken control of the situation. He has forced these states through a series of political maneuvers to do what he wants them to do. Abundant evidence of this was presented in the letter.

AS FOR the future, Israel and World Jewry will have to learn to meet him. The past, however, was all Nasser's. He has succeeded in isolating Israel. The reason for this was Israel's inept leadership. It was only in the past year that Nasser succeeded in strengthening his position. Prior to this, Nasser's position was shaky. Yet in all the time that Nasser was weak, Israel did not utilize her advantage at all. This because of woeful leadership. As a result, a strong Nasser has had Israel encircled. And this is the reason why Israel finds itself in a "miserable situation."

The Ben-Gurion-Sharett policy has failed. Ben-Burion's activist policy ends in the same result as Sharett's passivist. The recent attack on Syria was a haphazard operation. It did not change at all the situation which Israel finds herself in. This was pointed out by Menachem Begin, the leader of the Herut party. This was one of Ben-Gurion's sporadic attacks which have no real purpose behind them. Does he really think that the enemy will shiver because of his attacks? On the contrary, the enemy will redouble her efforts. Not only this; but Ben-Gurion got himself into hot water when, prior to the attack, he stated that Israel desires peace with her neighbors. And Nasser gleefully gloated over this to the world! This is leadership?

NOW TAKE the peace proposals. Israel has stated that she is willing to let an enemy state, Jordan, have certain rights in Haifa, the chief port of Israel. Now what self-respecting state would do such a thing? Is this not actually an appeal to "world-conscience"? Then look at the North African Jewish situation, and how Mapai leadership bungled it. Mapai leadership had enough time to bring the majority of North African Jewry to Israel, and in a sensible manner. The situation in North Africa being as it is, the majority may not get there. Ben-Gurion issued a call for 10,000 American Jews to settle in the Negev, his pet project. Does he think American Jews have the pioneering spirit to reclaim that barren wasteland?

Israel has "declared her readiness to carry her just share" in resettling the Arabs. But this has nothing to do with my proposals. Mine are strictly a political deal calculated to give Israel the political initiative by presenting a just plan for peace in the Near East. Israel with the aid of world Jewry will undertake to finance the resettlement of the homeless Arabs in Syria in exchange for a 2,000 square mile increase in territory needed to straighten out her borders. It will then equal in area the former Palestine Mandate. Israel's proposed compensations are actually an appeal to "world conscience."

SAMUEL DYEN
New York City

Says Jews Can Learn From Christmas Ads

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

Concerning your remarks about Christmas ads in Jewish papers (NJP Editor's Chair, Jan. 6, '56), they are certainly out of place. But if already printed, what illustration can be more fitting than the case of Mary and Joseph being turned away from the inn? This certainly is not Christological, but a typically Jewish theme!

Many of the readers will certainly recall similar episodes of their own, i.e., certain hostelries refusing them entry because of "selected clientele." The knowledge that the same treatment was accorded 1956 years ago to two of their co-religionists who later became subjects of adoration by the excluders will, no doubt, give them solace — and hope.

J. S. OSTREICHER
The Bronx

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Post Unfair To Converts Says Hebrew-Christian Head

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

As a regular subscriber to the National Jewish Post, I have often had the opportunity to admire the sense of fair play and objectivity of your publication.

Nevertheless the article, "Wild Rantings Not Becoming," of Friday, Jan. 6, seems to me a little short of your customary high standards.

In the above article the statement was made, "The misfortunes that Jews have suffered at the hands of those Jews who became converted to another religion renders the pages of Jewish history often gory with blood." This seems to us rather one-sided and therefore misleading.

JUST AS THERE ARE all kinds of converts to Judaism, there are all kinds of converts from Judaism. A general statement of condemnation such as contained in the above quotation obviously cannot be fair.

In modern times those Jewish people who after searching their hearts and the Word of God have come to believe in Jesus as their Messiah, have as a rule continued to consider themselves as part of "Kelal Israel." In spite of the traditional prejudices and bitterness which they encounter, Jewish Christians as a rule seek to defend their people in every possible way.

We deplore Dr. Goldstein's unfair attack upon Israel and Zionism. His views are not at all representative of Jewish Christians, but rather of the views and policies of the Vatican.

THIS WRITER is privileged to be the president of the Hebrew Christian Alliance of America, an organization representative of thousands of Jewish Christians in America. We love Israel and pray for her people and their welfare. Some of us have access to many churches and the hearts of large numbers of Christian people. Whenever possible we exert our influence in favor of the people and the State of Israel.

In reliance upon your sense of fair play, I trust you will be kind enough to publish this letter.

VICTOR BUKSBAZEN
President Hebrew Christian Alliance of America
Chicago, Ill.

Rabbi Answers Rabbi, Calling Him Disrespectful

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

In the past you have spoken with unconcealed envy of the influence and prestige enjoyed by the London Jewish Chronicle, and have expressed the wish that your paper become as authoritative an organ of American Jewish life and aspirations as the London J. C. is in England. I have waited from week to week for you to realize this creditable ambition. I must confess that you have disappointed me along with others.

I shall ignore the fact that where the J. C. speaks with dignity and responsibility, you shout with bold and harsh loudness. (For you seem to think that dignity is un-American, and confuse boldness with responsibility.) But I must speak out against what passes in your paper as the weekly sermon by Rabbi Weinstein.

IF YOU CARED to follow the sermon appearing in the J. C., you would note that they are distinguished for their reverence and faithful to the traditional purpose of the sermon, which is to enlighten and edify. Whereas Rabbi Weinstein's articles are disrespectful, bordering on insolence, to the feelings of those to whom biblical heroes are too significant to be treated with a glib tongue and facile pen.

I suggest you would render a great service to your readers, if you could get a homilist who shows a higher regard for the acknowledged purpose and holiness of the sermon.

Yours sincerely,
RABBI JOEL J. LITKE
Detroit, Mich.

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Dear Rabbi Litke,

The editor of the National Jewish Post has shown me your letter of Dec. 26.

It is, of course, rather unfair of you to make invidious comparisons between the Jewish Post and the Jewish Chronicle. The Chronicle is more than one hundred years old, while the Post is scarcely ten. The Chronicle is supported by the entire Jewish community of England, while the Post must fight for its budget in the advertising market place.

But it is concerning your reaction to my comments on the weekly Sedra that I most want to write you. I come from a traditional home; and I try to be honest enough to understand that it is the firmness of our anchorage that gives us the security from which we can seek for new truths. But it is equally true that it is the constant searching for new meanings that keeps the tradition from becoming fossilized.

YOUR COMPLAINT is not really with me. It should be with the original authors—or perhaps you prefer Author, of the Bible. They had sufficient confidence in human intelligence to depict human beings in their fullness, with their good and their bad. They had confidence in the mature judgment of men and realized that they would be more inclined to follow the example of a Jacob, or a Joseph, or a Moses, or a David, if they could recognize in those characters their own human traits.

That, it seems to me, is exactly why the Old Testament characters live and breathe and have a relevancy for us and our children. Our biblical heroes are not in need, it seems to me, of your pious defenses. They would not have their characters frozen in the rigid reverence of your chaste mind. They struggled for perfection in the murky valley of human existence and they left us not only a prototype of strong characters hewed out of reality's rock, but they gave us a sure confidence in the struggle itself.

IS IT POSSIBLE that your pious evocations of the patriarchs lull your audiences to a deep sleep? I should like to have you witness our own Saturday morning services, where our young people respond to these interpretations; where they are grateful to a Rabbi who does not confuse piety with pompousness and reverence with rigor mortis.

It is unfortunately much too often that my Orthodox colleagues appoint themselves as the sacred keepers of the tradition; but all too often they keep it in chains. I am all for letting that tradition loose. Let it be seen in the same simple frankness of the men who wrote it. I have no doubt that it will still remain the living Word.

RABBI J. T. WEINSTEIN
Chicago, Ill.

Denial of Miracles In Unitarian Talk Hit

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

The sermon Rabbi Jay R. Brickman of Milwaukee delivered in the First Unitarian Church there (NJP, Jan. 6) is not a delight for Judaism. The young rabbi stated that the miracles in the Hebrew Bible were "operating within the limits of natural law."

The Jewish Encyclopedia defines miracles as "an event which can not be explained by ordinary natural agencies" (vol. VII, p. 606), "they are performed either directly by the Deity or of individuals, such as Abimelech, Korah, Uzza and others. The revelation of the Lord on Sinai is the greatest of miracles (Deut. IV, 32/36.)"

It is the right of every individual to believe or disbelieve, but to speak of miracles in the Hebrew Bible and deny the existence of their relation to a higher infinite order as the laws of nature in our finite world is absurd, and a contradiction.

Or will the rabbi dare to name a few natural laws, unknown to science, which explain the burning bush, the split of the Red Sea and Jordan, the transformation of a rod into a serpent, water into blood, to name only a few? Would it not be more courageous if the rabbi confirmed his disbelief in miracles at all or in the Torah as a Divine Book?

Such a statement is not a surprise in Reform Judaism, but should be avoided publically, where a rabbi may be regarded as a representative of Judaism, especially in contradistinction to the beliefs of Christianity.

ISI HEPNER
Los Angeles

Opposes Both Extremes, But Upholds Reform

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I have been watching with some interest the debate between Oscar Leonard (NJP, Dec. 16, '55) and Rabbi Louis M. Tuchman (NJP, Jan. 6, '56). The running debate amazes me . . . Arguments from extremes neither prove nor disprove other arguments.

The basic situation is this: Orthodox Jews believe and act on the basis of Torah M'Sinai, that is that the laws, tradition and legalistic point of view are either given directly by God or are based on oral traditions given by God.

THE LIBERAL point of view, being multi-lateral, does not have a single counterpart to the Orthodox. The ranges of opinion vary from a sociological theology to the theology of Jewish existentialism. It includes under the "hupa," Mordecai Kaplan and Nelson Glueck. The Reform movement represents one facet of a desire for something other than what Orthodoxy has to offer. In a world where freedom of thought is held in esteem, it must be expected that there will be people who dispute the premises of those who represent the status quo, i.e., the Orthodox.

The Orthodox may very well ignore the implications of modern biblical scholarship and archaeology, but anyone sincerely interested in truth must test his beliefs against current facts and tenable theories.

So the thinking liberal Jew has found Orthodoxy wanting and on the other hand found being a Jew either desirable or inescapable. He has in succeeding generations built on the same traditions as the Orthodox, without in any way accepting the premises of the Orthodox. There are many good reasons for such an attitude, be it psychological, sociological, or, in a sense, theological.

IN ANY EVENT, I know of no Reform temple which does not celebrate every major Jewish holy day, or does not urge that family simhas be held under religious auspices.

Rabbi Tuchman brings up the participation of Reform rabbis in intermarriages. If he were as aware of the normal rabbinical practices as of the extremes, he would know that the Central Conference of American Rabbis has recently taken a very strong position against intermarriages performed by rabbis without prior conversion of the non-Jewish member. Of course, this opposition is not enforceable upon all Reform rabbis, but certainly the rabbi who does not follow his colleagues knows he is in the minority.

RABBI TUCHMAN then brings up a situation in which there is benediction by a Reform rabbi over the circumcision of a child of a non-Jewish mother. The benedictions are, according to Rabbi Tuchman, for the purpose of giving the impression that the child has been ushered into the Jewish fold "according to traditional teachings."

The quotes indicate the odd position that Rabbi Tuchman assumes. Had the family wished this, they would not have called on a Reform rabbi.

To equate Reform with "less than Orthodoxy" is to do a real disservice to facts, as well as to the devoted Jewish leaders who have sprung from Reform temples and pulpits.

Rabbi Tuchman has built his "straw man," but Reform Judaism is not straw. It is a vital, changing, devoted pillar of Jewish life. That it is not what Rabbi Tuchman wishes it were may be unfortunate, but it is not Orthodox. It is reforming constantly. I would not have it otherwise.

AL MELLMAN
New York

Defense of Mixed Pews By Levitsky Not News

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

The item in The Post (Dec. 30, '55) "Rabbi Defends Mixed Seating" would have been news had the statement made by Rabbi Louis M. Levitsky been made by a prominent Orthodox rabbi. How else can a Conservative rabbi talk after 33 years in the Conservative pulpit, and what else could he say?

Where is Rabbi Levitsky's congregation located? Is it located in the Middle West, in the South, in the Southwest? No, it is not! His congregation is located in Newark, N. J. . . . right next door to New York (like a duplex) . . . next to the largest Jewish population in the world. Is there any wonder that he can boast, if what he says is true?

TAKE FAR ROCKAWAY, Long Island, Miami Beach, etc. Their synagogs are also well attended during the season because there are lots of Jews there during the season. I am also sure that in Boro Park and in Williamsburg the shules are well attended without mixed seating.

In fact, while in New York in December, 1954, I attended services at the Beth El in Boro Park, a strictly Orthodox shule, and it was packed on Shabbos. I walked over three blocks to the Emanu El, a Conservative shul, to hear David Kusevitsky, and with mixed seating, there were only half as many worshipers as in the strict Orthodox shule.

FURTHERMORE, there have been cases where a person was cured of cancer, and there have been instances when critically ill, who were given up, outlived their doctors. These cases and intsances are the exceptions and not the rule .

The same is true with Rabbi Louis M. Levitsky of Newark, N.J. Would he have a special secret formula for filling up a synagog on Shabbos, he'd have so many intensive study groups and classes that he would not be in one pulpit. Rabbi Levitsky would be traveling the length and breadth of these United States as a specialist, a consultant and spiritual diagnostician to help cure the spiritually sick synagog of America.

LOUIS GOLDSTEIN
Louisville, Ky.

PEACE BRINGS FISH

TIBERIAS — The catches of Lake Kinneret fishermen was last week reported as satisfactory since quiet was enforced on the area.

INDEPENDENT ICE CREAM

TEL AVIV—One of three ice-cream manufacturers who recently left the consolidated "Artic Kartiv" ice-cream producers union plans to reopen independent production next summer.

Students Praise Novel Appearing In Post

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

We are waiting, together with hundreds of religious school children throughout the United States, who use The Post for current events, for Installment XIII of Spring of Life, to see if Miriam WILL meet Jonathan's family, or will their holiday celebration again delay them. What Jewish boy wouldn't be anxious to "bring Miriam home to mother"?

We loyal religious school students suggest that the ZOA hire Orah Reeb to write their publicity, and give the halutz movement "a needed shot in the arm." But will our new enthusiasm be shared by the girls in Young Judea?

S. MATTHEWS
RICHARD ORAN
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More Than 20 Cities Have Residential Sections Which Bar Jews

NEW YORK (NJP)—More than a score of U. S. cities of between 250,000 and 500,000 population still have residential neighborhoods restricted against Jews, according to a report in the American Jewish Committee's "Committee Reporter."

The restrictions, the report said, are being continued despite the fact that most of the people in the neighborhoods do not personally object to Jews as neighbors.

In Seattle's Sands Point suburbs a few years ago, the report points out, a Jewish family which bought a home was advised that it was "making a mistake." The development association there, it was shown, was prepared to withhold access to garage space, garbage disposal service, and other necessary services.

THE FAMILY SOLD the home before occupying it. When the instance was brought to the attention of the Seattle Civic Unity committee, it learned that a majority of the home owners did not object to Jews as neighbors. The group was influential in having the policies changed.

Through the country, in fact, such changes have been gradually appearing. A 1954 national poll found that nine out of 10 white Christians felt it made no difference if a Jewish family moved next door. In 1953, eight out of 10 gave this response; in 1951, seven out of 10.

In the 1954 poll only 3 per cent of those questioned said flatly that they would not like to have Jews next door.

But that there are restricted areas is still evident.

IN NEW YORK there is a square mile of apartment buildings in the fashionable area above 57th St., in which restrictions are enforced by requiring permission from co-operative directors before apartments can be resold.

The Smoke Rise development in New Jersey, within commuting distance of New York, provides services such as a private commuter bus, to club members only. As a result, no Jews have entered the development.

The $100 million Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Galt Miracle Mile have given the same gimmick another twist: It restricts access to near-by beaches to club members, and any Jews who might buy homes in the area find themselves boxed inland "as second-class citizens."

A Hartford suburb uses the same technique with a lake front.

IN SUMMIT, N. J., the restrictions are enforced by threatening any real estate broker who violates the unwritten code with the loss of access to multiple listing exchanges, without which he cannot remain in business.

Sometimes Jews are kept out of areas they could live in by the simple statement that they will be "making a mistake." The people who make the statements may honestly feel they are right, too. Feelings of people change, however, and areas once restricted may no longer be so.

THUS FOR MANY YEARS Tarrytown, N. Y., was considered hostile and avoided by Jews. The Jews' absence, in turn, added to the myth of hostility. When a few Jews did move into the area, and received complete acceptance, the myth burst.

One of the ways Jews have been counteracting "restricted" neighborhoods is to move into neighborhoods of their own. Thus a Jew seeking to move into a housing development and being scared away by talk of "off limits" finds no hesitation in answering advertisements which say: "Within walking distance of synagogs." Such advertising needs no interpretation to the home-seeker, be he Jewish or non-Jewish.

SPRING OF LIFE

by Orah Reeb

SO FAR . . . Miriam, a South African immigrant in Israel, finds life in a kibbutz filled with hard work and occasional dangers, but rewarding. She meets Jonathan and falls in love with him. Their love affair prospers exceedingly and Miriam's happiness continues unbroken until she discovers Jonathan is to accompany a group of pioneers chosen to found a new site for the kibbutz in the Negev.

After some rugged military training, Miriam temporarily joins Jonathan in the new kibbutz. He takes her on an inspection trip, and paints a rosy picture of the future of their new home. Not until two kibbutznikim from a neighboring village are knifed and mutilated without their co-workers being at all aware of it does she realize the dangers about her.

When the water pipeline on which many of the kibbutznikim have been working passes the village, there is great rejoicing, and activity turns from construction to planting. As before, however, one person works as another stands by with a gun.

Finally, the kibbutz is well-enough organized for Miriam and Jonathan to take a vacation. They arrive in Jonathan's parents' home, in the north, and Miriam is warmly greeted by Jonathan's folks.

She meets Benjamin and Moshe, Jonathan's brothers and Talma and Esther, his sisters. The family discusses Avi, another brother who has run off to join the underground terrorist movement.

INSTALLMENT XIV

Jonathan and Benjamin spoke bitter words about him, especially Jonathan, who felt that the organization, consisting of fanatic embittered people as it did, was no fit tool for the liberation of the country; that it was doing the Jewish cause very much more harm than good by its actions and was actually undoing the good hard work of people like himself who held that constructive toil and passive resistance were the only ways in which the British and the world at large could be made to realize that the land was that of the Jews, and that the Jews were fit to govern it.

AVI HE CONDEMNED as a fool and a romantic baby who would probably get himself shot or hanged for his pains, and it would serve him right. Young Moshe flew to his brother's defense. He thought him wonderful and had every intention of following his example. He kept quiet only when he was threatened with having to leave the room. That would have meant forfeiting the chicken, and to his practical mind no argument consisting mainly of words after all, was worth such a sacrifice.

Jonathan's father seemed to share, though with less enthusiasm, the opinion of his youngest son. He contented himself with the remark that after all, somebody had to do something about the British, and the terrorists seemed to be doing it.

An exasperated look passed between Jonathan and Benjamin. This was not the first time this particular argument had taken place among members of the household, nor was it confined only to this household, but was a question in which practically every resident of the country was extremely interested and held his definite personal point of view. The mother as well as little Talma was of the opinion that Avi would be all right—he had always been all right in the end—even that time when he had fallen off the big tree in the back yard and had broken almost all the bones in his body.

THE WEEK allotted for their stay passed quickly. Yet Miriam was glad when the time of leaving drew near. For no reason that she could explain to herself there were irritable spells, not as intense as those on the first day, but disquieting all the same.

She did not know what she wanted. She felt hedged in and depressed, though she tried not to show it, when they were good and kind to her and fussed a little. When they were busy and left her in peace she was as likely as not to feel lonely and neglected.

Poor Jonathan had a hard time trying to please her. When he wanted to show her something she was sure to want to lie down and rest. When he lay down, or sat reading a book, she accused him of taking no trouble to entertain her. She had very little appetite and meal times with the family, the members of which liked their food, became a source of misery to her.

Of course she felt well and normal much of the time, but during those hours when she did not, it was as if a grey cloud had come down on her and made life a sickening, joyless business.

ON THE LAST evening she sat on the couch with Jonathan looking through old photo albums. It was strange and touching to see Jonathan as a boy of eighteen wearing a peculiar shirt and even more peculiar short trousers, both looking rather too small for him and with one small breast pocket on the shirt and an identical small pocket on his left trouser front, in a group of laughing young men and women wearing the same outfit.

Miriam, as women will, felt a twinge of jealousy for those years of his which had been happy and which she had not shared. Jonathan had joined the Palmach, the commando crash forces of the Haganah, in 1942, during the big secret call-up, when Rommel was advancing toward Palestine during the North African campaign. His group had been stationed and trained in one of the old kibbutzim in the mountains on the northern border.

THERE THEY had received military training and had worked half days in return for food and clothing. During the first six months they had managed in their own clothes. Then each had received a new shirt. Two weeks later they had been issued pants to match. Material was scarce, thus the economy on pockets and what there was of the material was some peculiar grey green coarse stuff that went by the ambitious name of khaki. This uniform of their "secret" army was unmistakable and countless jokes had grown up about it.

The British were stationed nearby. On the question of the task of Jewish guerrilla forces in the event of a German invasion, they were in full agreement with the Jews themselves. But this was not the only reason why the Palmachniks were stationed in this particular area and well the British knew it.

MIRIAM LISTENED, fascinated, to Jonathan as he told her how he had grown familiar with every landmark and had been able to find his way about in the darkest night. By sea, illegal immigration had been almost impossible during the war years. The Mediterranean, and the Palestine shore itself, had been constantly patrolled by British warships. There was only one reasonably safe area of entrance into the country at that time and that was the Syrian and Lebanese border in northern Galilee.

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